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How close is herd immunity?

Prior infection plays a role, but estimates vary about number of cases, durability of protection

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

While vaccination remains the most important tool in ending Connecticut’s COVID-19 outbreak once and for all, experts say another factor could play a role as well: immunity from prior coronavirus infection, known as natural immunity.

Natural immunity is not abso-

lute and is not indefinite. As with immunity from vaccination, it fades over time. But research suggests those who have had COVID-19 are unlikely to catch it again immediately and therefore unlikely to contribute to a broader outbreak in the near future.

Though estimates vary on what share of Connecticut residents have been infected with COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic,

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Sabrina Daigle, left, and Brianna Trzcinski of Griffin Health record vials of COVID-19 tests at Eastern Connecticut State University in January. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

BIDEN INTERNATIONAL TRIP

President, pope meet at the Vatican



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President Joe Biden shakes hands with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Friday. They discussed global challenges, including the pandemic and climate change. Biden also met with French President Emmanuel Macron on Friday amid a diplomatic spat that involved a scuttled submarine deal. **STORY, PAGE 4**

Vaccine cleared for kids ages 5-11

FDA gives approval for emergency use of Pfizer doses

By Noah Weiland and Sharon Lafraniere
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration on Friday authorized Pfizer-BioNTech’s coronavirus vaccine for emergency use in children ages 5 to 11, a move eagerly anticipated by millions of families looking to protect some of the only remaining Americans left out of the vaccination campaign.

About 28 million children in the group will be eligible to receive one-third of the adult dose, with two injections three weeks apart. If the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention signs off, as is expected, they could start getting shots as early as Wednesday.

The Biden administration has promised that children’s shots will be easily accessible at pediatrician offices, community health centers, children’s hospitals and pharmacies, with 15 million doses ready to ship immediately. States started ordering doses last week, under a formula based on how many children they have in the age group. While the school year is already well underway, the pediatric dose is arriving in time for the holidays, giving more comfort to families looking to gather older and younger people together for the first time since the early months of 2020.

“It’s an incredibly important tool in the return to

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U.S. Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., delivered the keynote address Thursday at the Prescott Bush Awards dinner. **KEVIN DIETSCH/AP**

No press at GOP keynote address

Media barred from Kennedy speech at Prescott Bush Awards

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — For decades, the annual Prescott Bush Awards dinner has marked the marquee event for Connecticut Republicans as leaders brought in nationally known speakers to address the party faithful.

But on Thursday night, reporters were prevented from

covering the keynote address by first-term U.S. Sen. John Kennedy of Louisiana — breaking a decades-long tradition of press access for major national figures like John McCain, Mitt Romney, Jeb Bush, Bob Dole, and Jack Kemp.

Asked if the decision was made by Kennedy and if he would refuse to be the keynoter if the press was present, state Republican chairman Ben Proto said, “We do what we’re asked to do by our guest.”

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Facing suspension, Lamont official quits

Diamantis alleges dissension; recent Courant column raised questions about misconduct

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

Kosta Diamantis, the state’s second-highest budget official and a former state representative, resigned Thursday after the administration of Gov. Ned Lamont placed him on paid leave over an allegation of unspecified misconduct.

An Oct. 1 column in the Hartford Courant by Kevin Rennie raised questions about the hiring of Diamantis’ daughter, Anastasia, as an executive assistant to the chief state’s attorney, Richard Colangelo. She had been in a classified job at a lower salary.

“Executive assistant positions must be approved by OPM, where Anastasia Diamantis’ father has become an unusually influential second in command to budget chief Melissa McCaw,” Rennie wrote.

Rennie reported that Colangelo’s office refused to say who requested the creation of Anastasia Diamantis’ position or who at OPM approved the salary.

Diamantis has denied any wrongdoing and said his removal



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was the consequence of a long-simmering power struggle between top Lamont aides and the Office of Policy and Management, where Diamantis was the deputy secretary.

In a telephone interview Thursday night, Diamantis spoke with vehemence about the governor’s top aides: Paul Mounds, the chief of staff; Josh Geballe, the chief operating officer; and Nora

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Disease continues to threaten bats

Conservationists say a fungal disease called white-nose syndrome continues to ravage bat colonies in Connecticut and 32 other states.

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“But there are still some questions that remain regarding the durability of that immunity, and there’s a lot of variability in terms of natural immunity.”

An unknown number of infections

Given limits on testing, particularly early in the pandemic, and the possibility of undetected asymptomatic cases, no one can say for sure how many Connecticut residents have had COVID-19. Researchers can, however, estimate the true spread of the disease based on seroprevalence studies, reported cases, and death counts.

According to one model run by researchers from the Yale School of Public Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Stanford Medicine, about 47% of Connecticut residents have been infected with COVID-19 at least once since the start of the pandemic. This projection accounts for not only the 400,000 recorded cases in the state but also an unknown number of unrecorded ones. In some cases, residents may have been infected without experiencing any symptoms.

Other models have the true number of infections significantly lower. Pedro Mendes, a computational biologist at UConn Health, says his model estimates that fewer than 20% of Connecticut residents have been infected and suggests that if his model is on the low end, the one from Yale, Harvard and Stanford is likely on the high end. Dr. Ulysses Wu, an epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, says the true total could be anywhere from 10% to 50%.

Regardless of the precise number, what’s clear is that hundreds of thousands of Connecticut residents have had COVID-19 previously, leaving many with some level of protection.

Still, experts say it’s important to note that previous infection does not mean complete immunity against future infection. Because protection wanes over time, people who had the disease during Connecticut’s initial surge in spring 2020 or even during the state’s second wave last winter

likely lack immunity today.

“The people who were infected earliest are most likely to have waning immunity over time,” Banach said, “and would be at risk for reinfection.”

‘We have to factor that in’

In combination with vaccination, experts say, natural immunity may help Connecticut reach a point where there aren’t enough vulnerable people left for an outbreak to occur.

“I think it plays a very big role,” Wu said. “We have to factor that in.”

Wu says he thinks Connecticut will be overwhelmingly protected against COVID-19 when about 90% of residents are immune. So far, about 70% are fully vaccinated, a number that will increase when 5-11 year-olds become eligible as soon as next week. If a large chunk of the remaining unvaccinated residents have some natural immunity, Connecticut may not be too far from Wu’s target.

Though Banach cautions against counting on natural infection to save Connecticut from future outbreaks, he agrees it can at least make a difference at the margins.

“We can acknowledge that people who have had natural infection and the resulting immunity do play a role in terms of their contribution to reducing the spread of infection,” Banach said. “Our level of population immunity incorporates both vaccine-related immunity and natural immunity.”

Still, experts emphasize that widespread natural immunity alone is not enough to protect a community. Dr. Ted Cohn, a Yale School of Public Health researcher who has worked on the model estimating 47% of Connecticut residents have been infected with COVID-19, says people sometimes use that figure to argue, incorrectly, that the state might get to population-level immunity based on prior infection alone.

That, he said, is a “dangerous interpretation.”

“We’ve seen very little evidence that even very high levels of natural infection, or the overlap of natural infection and vaccination, can protect populations from outbreaks of COVID,” Cohn said. “The idea that we’ve reached a sufficient level of previous infec-

tion or immunity to protect individuals who haven’t been vaccinated or infected in quite fanciful.”

Vaccination remains key

Despite some research suggesting that immunity from recent COVID-19 infection is at least as effective in protecting against the disease as immunity from vaccination, vaccine mandates implemented by local hospitals and Connecticut’s state government do not allow exemptions for people with a recent positive test.

Asked about this in late September, public health commissioner Dr. Manisha Juthani noted that data around natural immunity remains limited and that protection can vary from person to person.

“Some people may have very little antibodies that wane very quickly, and somebody else may have a lot of antibodies,” Juthani, an infectious disease specialist, said. “Vaccination is the way to make sure that we get to a certain level.”

Other epidemiologists agree, pointing to enduring questions about how much protection natural immunity truly confers.

“We still don’t have an understanding as to the resulting immunity after natural infection because there’s going to be such high variability from person to person and infection to infection,” Banach said. “So it’s really difficult to predict after an infection whether or not there’s going to be a significant protective immunity and how long that might last for.”

Vaccines, on the other hand, provide a high degree of protection to everyone who receives them, Banach said, as demonstrated in extensive clinical trials.

With that in mind, experts urge people who have been infected recently to layer whatever protection they have from that experience with additional immunity from vaccination.

“If you have had natural immunity, it’s certainly not 100%. There are re-infections, and that immunity will wane over time,” Wu said. “But when you get [natural immunity and vaccination] together, you will be super immune.”

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normalcy,” said Dr. Larry Corey, a virus expert at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and a leader of the COVID-19 Prevention Network. “To be able to know that your child is protected and not going to get severely ill by going to school is an incredible psychological relief.”

In a clinical trial, the vaccine was shown to generate significant protection in children against the virus. But whether it will help substantially to curb the pandemic is unclear. As of this week, 8,300 children ages 5 to 11 have been hospitalized with COVID-19, and at least 170 have died, out of more than 3.2 million hospitalizations and 740,000 deaths overall, according to the CDC.

The biggest determinant of how much more sickness and death lies ahead is whether the more than 60 million adolescents and adults who are already eligible for shots get vaccinated, said Dr. Jennifer Nuzzo, a public health researcher at Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

Some vaccine experts warn that the same inequities that plagued the vaccine rollout for adults earlier this year could hinder the one for children.

“We cannot see what we saw in the earliest stages of rolling out the vaccines for adults, in which advantaged persons and persons of means figure out a way to be first in line,” said Dr. James E.K. Hildreth, president of Meharry Medical College, a historically Black institution.

He said that school nurses, churches and local health officials would be key in reaching some children and families who might not have insurance or access to pediatricians. The vaccinations are free to everyone.

While the pandemic has generally hit people of color hardest, the racial disparities are especially stark among children.

Black and Hispanic children are less likely to be tested for the virus but more likely to be infected, get hospitalized and die from COVID-19 than white children, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Hospitalization rates in the 5 to 11 age group are three times as high for Black, Hispanic and Native American

children as for white children, according to the CDC.

In the 5 to 11 age group, more than half are children of color, and nearly 4 in 10 come from households with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, according to Kaiser.

Hildreth criticized Pfizer for including few minority participants in its clinical trial for 5- to 11-year-olds, saying that it could harm the confidence parents might have in the shot.

At Children’s National Hospital in Washington, officials have devised a plan to make sure families and children at greater risk have immediate access to shots, said Dr. Lee Ann Savio Beers, the hospital’s medical director for community health and advocacy and the president of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The hospital plans to notify its most at-risk patients, based on medical diagnosis and the neighborhood where they reside, about the shots by directly contacting parents, she said.

A survey from the Kaiser Family Foundation released Thursday found 27% of parents of 5- to 11-year-olds were eager to vaccinate their children right away, while one-third said they would wait and see how the vaccine rollout went. The uptake among adolescents has been slower than public health experts hoped: Pfizer’s vaccine became available to children 12-15 in May, but fewer than half in that age group are now fully vaccinated, compared to 69% of adults.

State and local health officials are girding not just for more vaccine hesitancy, but for possible fights over vaccine mandates in schools. California’s governor already issued the nation’s first statewide mandate for schoolchildren, saying the shots would be required as soon as next fall. The City Council in Washington is also considering a requirement.

“I think the contention we have seen over the mask issue is likely to pale in comparison to what we’re going to see over the idea of a vaccine mandate” for schoolchildren, said Dr. Jessica Snowden, chief of the infectious disease division at Arkansas Children’s Hospital.

At a meeting this week of the FDA’s expert advisory panel on vaccines, several members came out strongly against school vaccine mandates.

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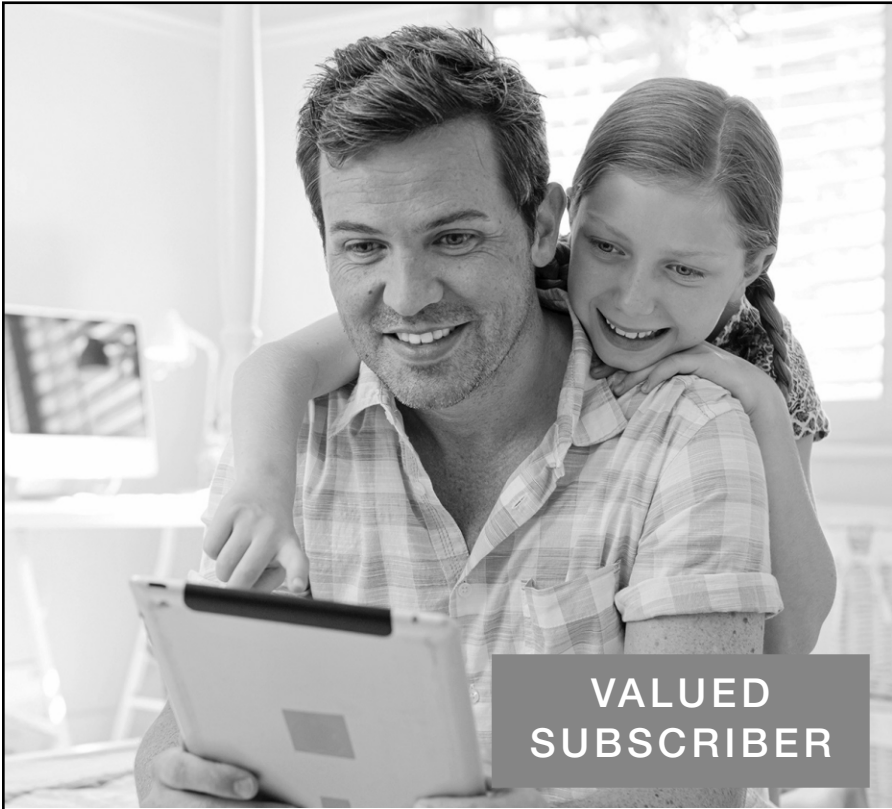
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Tainted candy tales are real zombie

Every Halloween, warnings rise of imaginary threat

By Daniel Victor and Aimee Ortiz
The New York Times

As children go trick-or-treating, it is exceedingly unlikely that your neighbor will put a razor blade in an apple, poison a wrapped Snickers bar, or, in this year's version of the same old story, swap THC-laced gummies for regular candy, tricking innocent youngsters into accidentally getting high.

Historically, such acts have not just been rare, but very close to completely undocumented. The lack of evidence has done little to reassure parents, police and some in the media, who have repeated the mostly unverified claims for decades.

Typically, the warnings come before Halloween, instructing parents to inspect their children's haul for any signs of foul play. In recent years, with marijuana becoming legal in more states, the concern has shifted to children accidentally ingesting THC-laced candies designed to look like traditional snacks. "A different sugar high: Bensalem police warn of 'weed candy' this Halloween," read one headline from Pennsylvania this month.

The specter of THC-laced candies is no more threatening than past baseless legends, said Joel Best, a sociology professor at the University of Delaware who has studied the topic since 1983. He has found virtually no evidence of it happening in real life, despite the annual ritual of headlines and warnings.

"This spreads primarily among people who have no idea what this stuff costs," he said.

A 500-milligram bag of a THC-infused Cheetos-like snack can be found online for \$15 and up, while THC-laced imitations of Sour Patch Kids will cost at



A group of trick-or-treating children attend a Halloween event last year in New York City. JUTHARAT PINYODOONYACHET/THE NEW YORK TIMES

least \$20. That price makes them something few people would give away, he said.

The legend may have its roots in 1959, when a dentist in California handed out laxative pills coated in candy, causing 30 children to fall sick. The police said 450 of the pills were "put into the trick-or-treat bags of youngsters," according to a UPI report published after Halloween that year.

Best, who has tracked media coverage in major newspapers every year since 1958, said the fear hit its peak in the early 1970s.

"Those treats may be tricks," The New York Times warned in 1970.

"Take, for example, that plump red apple that Junior gets from a kindly old woman down the block," The Times wrote that year. "It may have a razor blade hidden inside. The choc-

olate 'candy' bar may be a laxative, the bubble gum may be sprinkled with lye, the popcorn balls may be coated with camphor, the candy may turn out to be packets containing sleeping pills."

Concerns died down for a bit, Best said, until 1982, when cyanide-laced Tylenol pills killed seven people beginning in September, prompting copycat attacks and even more fears of contaminated items. Amid the nationwide attention, some communities banned trick-or-treating, and grocery stores reported candy sales dropping 20%-50%.

The internet age would allow for more pranksters to claim they had found foreign objects in their candy. After all, kids playing tricks on adults is one of the main points of Halloween, and

it's not difficult to create a fraudulent Instagram post, he said. But he continued to find few confirmed cases of children actually being harmed by treats.

Over the years, occasional reports of a child being harmed would emerge in the media. But a funny thing happened when Best investigated what happened next: Nearly every time, the claims would fall apart as hoaxes. In 2015, for example, two teens in Chester County, Pennsylvania, claimed they had found needles in their candy, but they recanted their stories days later.

"I can't find any evidence of any child being killed or seriously hurt by a contaminated treat picked up in the course of trick-or-treating," Best said.

He found five deaths that had been attributed to Halloween sadism, all of

which later proved to have unrelated causes. One child died in 1970, after eating heroin that the police originally said had been in his Halloween candy; it later emerged that he had found the heroin in a relative's home. An 8-year-old died after eating cyanide-laced candy, but he had gotten the candy from his father, who was convicted and executed for the murder.

One related example had nothing to do with Halloween. In 2018, the strawberry industry in Australia was affected after some people, including a 7-year-old girl who was not physically harmed, found needles in their fruit. For months, supermarkets pulled strawberries from their shelves, and eventually a supervisor at a strawberry farm in Queensland was arrested; charges against her were

dropped this July.

As for the marijuana treats, Best said he hadn't seen any confirmed reports of kids becoming intoxicated by them. But warnings from police departments have often been repeated in local media outlets in recent years.

"These treats can look like traditional candies, but can have harmful effects if consumed by a child," the Drug Enforcement Administration's St. Louis division wrote in 2018. "The DEA and law enforcement agencies throughout the country have seen an increase of seizures of drug-laced edibles, including but not limited to chocolates, suckers and gummies."

It continued: "The DEA St. Louis Division has not identified any specific threats but issues this as an advisory."

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State Democratic chairwoman Nancy DiNardo criticized Republicans for allowing the closure of the speech.

"When Nancy Pelosi was the keynote at our last Bailey Dinner, we welcomed the press," DiNardo said. "But, the party of free speech banned reporters from its fundraising dinner and keynote address. It does make you wonder, what is it the Republicans don't want the public to know?"

But Proto responded that there was "nothing" to hide in a speech that he said was well received by nearly 500 Republican donors at a Stamford hotel with a prolonged standing ovation.

"God bless Nancy DiNardo if that's all she's got to worry about," Proto said Friday. "While she has legislators who are being arrested by the federal government for stealing from the taxpayers ... she

thinks the important issue of the day is whether or not the press was at a political dinner. Is she really that lost or is she just more reflective of the entire Democratic Party in the state of Connecticut who clearly have lost their way and have no clue what's going on in the state of Connecticut?"

Proto was referring to the recent arrest of state Rep. Michael DiMassa, a West Haven Democrat who is accused by the FBI of stealing more than \$600,000 in federal COVID-19 relief money that had been earmarked for West Haven. DiMassa had been authorized by the city council as one of three people, including the mayor, who had access to the money.

Proto also noted that Gov. Ned Lamont went back inside the state Capitol and refused to answer reporters' questions Thursday after speaking about the death of a 14-year-old Hamden boy. Republicans have repeatedly called for months for a special

session on juvenile crime, but Lamont and Democrats have not moved forward with a session.

"Why is the governor — a Democrat — afraid to take questions from the press on the issue that is foremost on everyone's mind in this state?" Proto asked.

Lamont's spokesman said that he went back inside the Capitol so that he could continue speaking with the deceased boy's mother and grandmother.

Concerning the keynote address, Proto said, "The Senator gave a great speech. He talked about the complete failures of the Biden administration and the wrong direction the country is headed in. It was very well received by close to 500 people. We're tremendously thankful that Sen. Kennedy took time out of his busy schedule to come up to Connecticut and spend some time with us."

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Medicaid gets fixes in Biden budget, but not Medicare

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldívar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Medicaid issues are turning up as winners in President Joe Biden's social agenda framework even as divisions force Democrats to hit pause on far-reaching improvements to Medicare.

The budget blueprint Biden released Thursday would fulfill a campaign promise to help poor people locked out of Medicaid expansion across the South due to partisan battles, and it would provide low-income seniors and disabled people with more options to stay out of nursing homes by getting support in their own homes. It also calls for 12 months of Medicaid coverage after childbirth for low-income mothers, seen as a major step to address national shortcomings in maternal health that fall disproportionately on Black women.

But with Medicare, Democrats were unable to reach consensus on prescription drug price negotiations. Polls show broad bipartisan support for authorizing Medicare to negotiate lower prices, yet a handful of Democratic lawmakers — enough to block the bill — echo pharmaceutical industry arguments that it would dampen investment that drives innovation. Advocacy groups are voicing outrage over the omission, with AARP calling it "a monumental mistake."

Not getting a deal on prescription drugs has consequences. Without expected savings from lower drug prices, Medicare dental coverage for seniors is on hold, as is vision coverage. The Biden framework does call for covering hearing aids, far less costly. Also on hold is a long-sought limit on out-of-pocket drug costs for Medicare recipients. Discussions



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and President Biden continue to struggle to come to an agreement with Congress on the president's social agenda plan. SAMUEL CORUM/GETTY

are continuing around a more limited approach to drug price negotiations, according to a senior Democratic aide in the House, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe a fluid situation.

While traditionally Medicare has been politically favored, Medicaid was long regarded as the stepchild of health care programs because of its past ties to welfare. Just a few years ago, a Republican-led Congress unsuccessfully tried to slap a funding limit on the federal-state program.

In that battle, "many people realized the importance of Medicaid for their families and their communities," said Judy Solomon of the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, a nonprofit that advocates for low-income people. "I think there was a new appreciation of Medicaid, and we are seeing that."

As Medicaid grew to cover more than 80 million people, nearly 1 in 4 Americans, it became politically central for Democrats. Biden's Medicaid-related provisions have a strong racial justice dimension, since many of the people who would benefit from access to health insurance in the South or expanded coverage for new mothers

across the land are Black or Hispanic.

Expanding Medicaid has been the top policy priority for Democrats in Deep South states for years, citing the poverty and poor health that plagues much of the region. The decision by some Republican-led states to reject expansion of Medicaid under the Obama health law meant that 2 million poor people were essentially locked out of coverage in a dozen states, and another 2 million unable to afford even subsidized plans. Texas, Florida and Georgia are among the Medicaid hold-outs.

Under the Biden blueprint eligible uninsured people in states that have not expanded Medicaid could get subsidized private coverage through HealthCare.gov at no cost to them. The fix is only funded for four years, a budgetary gimmick intended to make cost estimates appear lower.

In a coda of sorts, the Biden framework also provides permanent funding for Medicaid in U.S. territories, including Puerto Rico. It would permanently reauthorize the popular Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, avoiding periodic nail-biting over coverage for nearly 10 million kids.

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Dannehy, the general counsel.

"The bottom line is they're looking to put the rest of us down, as if they know government better, and they don't. They don't have a clue about government," he said.

Diamantis said the governor's staff had been disrespectful to his boss, Secretary Melissa McCaw, who is Black. He described a tense relationship between the governor's office and OPM. McCaw could not be reached for comment Thursday night.

A pretext for his removal were questions about the \$99,000-a-year state job recently obtained his daughter, Diamantis said.

Max Reiss, the governor's communications director, said the administration would not respond

to Diamantis' claims or answer questions about the nature of the allegation against him.

Instead, Reiss issued a brief written statement: "The Governor's Office removed Mr. Diamantis because of a personnel matter that is still under review."

Reiss provided copies of two letters sent Thursday to Diamantis; one from Mounds removing him as deputy secretary, then another from a human resources officer acknowledging his decision to resign and retire, rather than await the outcome of a review.

Neither offered specifics of any misconduct. But the one from Theresa Judge, the human resources officer, indicated that McCaw neither initiated the removal nor was aware of a pending investigation of her deputy.

"Secretary McCaw was

informed today of the pending review into your alleged misconduct," Judge wrote. "Subsequent to her notification she has made us aware of your decision to retire from State Service, effective Monday, November 1, 2021. Therefore, your paid administrative leave status will conclude on October 31, 2021."

Diamantis, of Farmington, is a lawyer and Democrat who represented Bristol in the state House of Representatives. He was hired by the administration of Gov. Dannel P. Malloy in 2015 to a post in the Department of Administrative Services overseeing state grants for school construction. Lamont was elected in 2018 and took office in January 2019.

When McCaw hired him in November 2019 as her deputy, he took the grants oversight responsibilities with him to OPM.

Biden says US ‘clumsy’ in sub deal

Remark comes amid diplomatic outreach to France

By Katie Rogers, Roger Cohen and Helene Cooper
The New York Times

ROME — After a six-week diplomatic spat that involved a scuttled nuclear-powered submarine deal and a recalled ambassador, President Joe Biden began a one-on-one effort to mend fences with President Emmanuel Macron of France by saying the U.S. handling of the matter had been “clumsy.”

“What we did was clumsy,” Biden told reporters, sitting beside Macron just before they began a private meeting. “It was not done with a lot of grace.”

He added, “I had been under the impression long before that France had been informed.”

France had an agreement to build conventionally powered submarines for Australia’s navy, but last month the United States and Britain announced their own deal with Australia for nuclear-powered subs instead. Australia called off the deal with France, whose officials had not been told that a pact with the Americans and Britain was in the works, infuriating Macron and others in his government.

Washington’s European allies were already irritated by the handling of the withdrawal from Afghanistan, which they said Biden ordered without consulting them. The treatment of the French submarine deal, they said, was further evidence of American dismissiveness.



President Joe Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron meet Friday in Rome. ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Since that agreement was sabotaged, the two countries have worked hard to overcome the dispute, and the Biden administration has sent officials to Paris, including Secretary of State Antony Blinken, to try to smooth things over. Unsatisfied with the niceties, France has demanded “concrete” results.

“Now what’s important is to be sure that such a situation will not be possible for our future,” Macron said in his own remarks to reporters. “This is an extremely important clarification.”

Some of those results the French have demanded may be forthcoming but

were not announced when the two spoke to reporters before a lengthier diplomatic meeting. American and French officials said the United States was prepared to bolster France’s counterterrorism efforts in Africa, including possibly sending additional reconnaissance planes and drones to the \$110 million airfield that the United States has built in the desert scrub near Agadez, Niger.

The Biden administration will also try to address one of Macron’s priorities by giving a guarded backing to a European military force that is separate from NATO, the officials said.

It would also be viewed in Paris as a sign of American respect after the perceived insult of the secretly negotiated Australian submarine deal.

Officials said they hoped the U.S.’ moves would put to rest the fight between the United States and France.

“The United States is still our major ally,” said Gen. Thierry Burkhard, the French military’s chief of staff. “But what we need is a very clear sign that trust can still be there.”

With his domestic agenda in limbo and tensions with China and Russia smoldering, Biden kicked off a whirlwind international

tour Friday in Rome, where he also met with Pope Francis to discuss global challenges like the pandemic and climate change.

The meeting — the president’s first with Francis since his inauguration — had deep emotional resonance for Biden, a Roman Catholic. The president and the pope share common ground on many issues, and Biden seemed visibly excited as he headed into a private meeting, which lasted 90 minutes.

During their meeting, Biden thanked Francis for his advocacy for the world’s poor and people suffering from hunger, conflict

and persecution, the White House said, adding that he had also lauded the pope’s leadership in the climate crisis and his advocacy on coronavirus vaccines.

Francis has repeatedly called on pharmaceutical companies to waive intellectual property protections for their coronavirus vaccines on the grounds that doing so would be a “gesture of humanity.” In May, Biden said he supported the suspension of some of those protections, but large manufacturers have argued that increasing production is a more effective way to help end the pandemic.

After the Vatican visit, Biden is set to attend the Group of 20 summit, and then, he and many of the same leaders will travel to Scotland for COP26, a worldwide summit on climate change that is billed by many as a make-or-break moment to save a warming planet from disaster.

For Biden, the international events come against the backdrop of high-stakes negotiations over his domestic agenda. But participants in the summits from across the globe are all facing enormous challenges, many linked to the pandemic and the health and economic devastation it has wrought.

The agenda would be daunting even in normal times, but this is the first G-20 meeting in person since the virus emerged. Many of those who are coming hope to deliver concrete changes on issues like international tax shelters and getting coronavirus vaccines to the developing world, even as they struggle to make progress on existential issues like lowering carbon emissions.

Armorer: ‘No idea’ how live rounds got on set

Lawyers: Production was unsafe before fatal shooting

By Julia Jacobs and Simon Romero
The New York Times

Attorneys for Hannah Gutierrez Reed, the armorer on the set of the film where Alec Baldwin fatally shot a cinematographer last week as he rehearsed with a gun he was told had no live ammunition, issued a statement Friday defending her adherence to safety protocols and saying she did not know how live rounds wound up on the set in New Mexico.

“Hannah has no idea where the live rounds came from,” Gutierrez Reed’s attorneys, Jason Bowles and Robert Gorence, said in the first public statement on her behalf.

In their statement, they charged that the set of the film, “Rust,” had been unsafe, and that Gutierrez Reed, 24, had been hired to two positions on the film, “which made it extremely difficult to focus on her job as an armorer.”

The producers did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the statement. They have

previously said that they are cooperating with the police investigation.

“She fought for training, days to maintain weapons, and proper time to prepare for gunfire but ultimately was overruled by production and her department,” it said. “The whole production set became unsafe due to various factors, including lack of safety meetings. This was not the fault of Hannah.”

Either way, the production set was awash in guns and ammunition. In addition to the guns and ammunition that were recovered in an earlier search, detectives found more when they searched a white prop truck on the set, Detectives Alexandria Hancock and Marissa Poppell with the Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Office said in a court document released Friday.

The detectives recovered 12 revolvers; one rifle; a bandolier (a belt usually slung sash-style over the shoulder to hold ammunition); four cardboard boxes with miscellaneous ammunition; a spent blank, and one “45 Colt round.”

Gutierrez Reed — who also goes by Hannah Reed and Hannah Gutierrez — was relatively inexperienced as a head armorer. In a recent podcast she noted

that she had just finished filming her first movie as head armorer in a western called “The Old Way,” starring Clint Howard and Nicolas Cage, that is set for release next year, saying, “I almost didn’t take the job because I wasn’t sure if I was ready.” Gutierrez-Reed has also come under scrutiny for reports of unexpected gun discharges on sets of films that she has worked on.

The Arizona resident is the daughter of a former Marine who served as Brad Pitt’s gun coach on “The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford” and served as a quick draw expert on “Django Unchained.”

The attorneys said that they wanted “to address some untruths that have been told to the media, which have falsely portrayed her and slandered her” and said that safety was her “number one priority on set.”

While some accounts have suggested there might have been recreational shooting on the set, reports law enforcement officials called “unconfirmed,” the attorneys said in their statement that the guns being used for the film could not have been used for such activities.



A person places a candle during a vigil this week in Burbank, California, for Halyna Hutchins, who was fatally shot on the “Rust” movie set in New Mexico. MYUNG J. CHUN/LOS ANGELES TIMES

The guns “were locked up every night and at lunch, and there’s no way a single one of them was unaccounted for or being shot by crew members,” the statement said.

In the week since the shooting, which killed the movie’s director of photography, Halyna Hutchins, and wounded its director, Joel Souza, Gutierrez Reed and the film’s assistant director, Dave Halls, have come under scrutiny, since they both handled the Colt .45 being used in the film before it was handed to Baldwin.

The gun was declared

“cold,” meaning it was not supposed to contain any live ammunition, according to court papers. But when it went off as Baldwin practiced drawing it, it fired a real bullet, which struck and killed Hutchins and wounded Souza, Sheriff Adan Mendoza of Santa Fe County said at a news conference Wednesday.

Three former crew members on “Rust” said there were at least two accidental discharges on set Oct. 16, days before the fatal shooting.

In the attorneys’ statement, they said Gutierrez-Reed “has never had an accidental discharge” during her career. They suggested that others had been responsible for the two accidental discharges on the “Rust” set: “The first one on this set was the prop master and the second a stunt man.

Gutierrez Reed also extended her condolences to the family of Hutchins.

“Hannah is devastated and completely beside herself over the events that have transpired,” the statement said.

Los Angeles Times contributed.

White House renews bid to end Trump-era ‘Remain in Mexico’ policy

By Elliot Spagat
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Biden administration on Friday launched a second bid to end a Trump-era policy to make asylum-seekers wait in Mexico for hearings in U.S. immigration court, while also reaffirming a commitment to reinstate it under court order.

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said the “Remain in Mexico” policy likely

contributed to a drop in illegal border crossings in 2019 but with “substantial and unjustifiable human costs” to asylum-seekers who were exposed to violence while waiting in Mexico.

The announcement came more than two months after a federal judge ordered that the policy be reinstated “in good faith,” while leaving an opening for the administration to try again to justify ending it.

The administration said earlier this month that

it expected to reinstate the policy, known officially as “Migrant Protection Protocols,” around mid-November, subject to Mexican government approval. Mexico wants cases to generally conclude within six months, timely and accurate access to case information and better access to legal counsel for asylum-seekers.

Some of the administration’s most prominent pro-immigration allies say the time it took for Mayor-

kas to draft Friday’s opinion showed a lack of sense of urgency, which U.S. officials dispute.

Many U.S.-based legal aid groups who have represented asylum-seekers waiting in Mexico say they will no longer take such cases, raising questions about how the U.S. can satisfy Mexico’s insistence on better access to counsel. Administration officials say they believe there are enough other lawyers who will represent asylum-seekers sent back to

Mexico.

About 70,000 asylum-seekers have been subject to the policy, which President Donald Trump introduced in January 2019 and his successor, President Joe Biden, suspended on his first day in office. Mayorkas ended the policy in June after an internal review, saying it achieved “mixed effectiveness.”

Illegal border crossings fell sharply after Mexico, facing Trump’s threat of higher tariffs, acquiesced

in 2019 to the policy’s rapid expansion. Asylum-seekers were victims of major violence while waiting in Mexico and faced a slew of legal obstacles.

Mayorkas said Friday that his second review assumed the policy caused a significant drop in border crossings. Still, he said benefits do not outweigh costs in terms of relations with Mexico, resources and risks associated with exposure to violence while waiting in Mexican border cities.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

US vaccine checks spotty at best

Some venues look closely, others will not be the ‘police’

By Caleb Jones and Olga R. Rodriguez
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Go out for a night on the town in some U.S. cities and you might find yourself waiting while someone at the door of the restaurant or theater closely inspects your vaccination card and checks it against your photo ID. Or you might be waved right through just by flashing your card.

How rigorously vaccination requirements are being enforced varies — even within the same state or city.

Proof of vaccination is required in several American cities to get into restaurants and bars, enjoy a concert or a play, catch a movie or a ballgame.

Ticket agents dutifully ascertain the vaccination status of everyone passing through the turnstile at pro sports venues in some cities from Seattle and New York, and restaurant hosts do the same in many places. In other locations, vaccine checks are cursory at best. Sometimes it’s practically done on the honor system.

“There are some businesses that say they check for vaccination proof, but they are not even checking,” said Jay Matsler, of Palm Springs, California, who was visiting San Francisco’s Fisherman’s Wharf with his partner during a stop of their cruise along the California coast.

“We actually tell them, ‘I’m sorry, you’re not enforcing this. We’re not going to give you our business,’” Matsler said. He said they were recently in Prague and Paris and had to show their vaccination cards and IDs at every indoor space they visited.

Some places around the U.S. are afraid of losing business if they insist on proof. Some say they don’t have



A hostess at the Highway Inn in Honolulu records information from two diners who showed proof of vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test. CALEB JONES/AP

enough staff to conduct such checks amid a nationwide labor shortage. Some object on principle.

And some don’t want to risk ugly confrontations. At an Italian restaurant in New York City, a request that a group of customers show vaccination proof led to a brawl.

During the first month of enforcement in New York, inspectors issued warnings to 6,000 businesses for not checking patrons’ status, and 15 were fined \$1,000 for being repeat offenders.

Public health authorities see the requirements as vital tools in slowing COVID-19 at a time when 1,500 or more Americans are dying each day from the virus. Such rules face deep opposition in conservative states., meaning they are mainly in effect

in Democratic-run locations.

At the Highway Inn restaurant in Honolulu on Monday, the hostess asked diners for proof of vaccination or a negative test before seating them indoors. The information on their cards must match their IDs, and they must also give contact information that the restaurant keeps on record for two weeks in case of an outbreak.

Russell Ryan, the restaurant’s co-owner, said business declined when the vaccine requirement for restaurants first went into effect in mid-September. A few unvaccinated people “stormed off in a huff,” he said, but most have complied, and business has returned as more people have gotten vaccinated.

“Generally, it has been less confrontational than we feared,” Ryan said. “We

thought that we’d get some zealots who want to make a stand for whatever reason.”

In many places in the U.S., precisely how to enforce the vaccination rule is left up to businesses.

At a movie theater on a recent night in San Francisco, teenagers at the concession stand glanced at patrons’ cellphone photos of their vaccination cards before handing them their popcorn, candy and drinks.

At the city’s Opera House, however, an usher closely examines the proof of vaccination and compares it against a picture ID. Anyone who fails to show proof will be asked to leave.

San Francisco health inspectors checking on the food permits of restaurants also routinely look to see whether businesses

are complying with the proof-of-vaccination rules, but the city relies largely on complaints of violations phoned in to its 311 line.

Since the city’s mandate went into effect on Aug. 20, only one restaurant has been penalized — the In-N-Out at Fisherman’s Wharf that was closed for the day on Oct. 14 after refusing to ask for proof of vaccination despite several warnings from the city. The burger place now serves only takeout. A spokesman said the company refuses to be “the vaccination police for any government.”

In Los Angeles County, health inspectors found 38 venues that needed more training on vaccine rules out of about 250 bars, lounges, nightclubs, breweries, wineries and distilleries checked between Oct. 8 and

Oct. 17. When the county visited 78 bars the next week, they found about 15% of them weren’t in compliance with customer vaccine verification rules, triggering more training.

New Orleans is also among the big cities that have imposed such rules, and Los Angeles plans to roll out its own requirements next week.

In New York City, big venues, like Broadway theaters and museums, tend to enforce the rules strictly. A neighborhood cafe, though, might not.

“The vast, vast, vast majority of restaurants and all the other businesses are saying, ‘Yes, we’re going to work with this. We’re going to make it work for our employees, for our customers, keep everyone safe,’” Mayor Bill de Blasio said.

NEWS BRIEFING

Polish lawmakers OK anti-migrant wall on Belarus border

From news services

WARSAW, Poland — Poland’s lawmakers on Friday approved the speedy construction of a \$402 million barrier on the European Union member’s border with Belarus, seeking to stop the increasing flow of migrants.

Now the plan proposed by the right-wing government only needs the approval from President Andrzej Duda, a government ally. Construction of the wall with motion sensors is to start upon the approval.

Poland and other EU nations are accusing the Belarusian regime of President Alexander Lukashenko of encouraging and aiding migrants from the Mideast and Africa to seek entry into the EU through their borders with Belarus. It says the government in Minsk is seeking to destabilize the whole bloc in retaliation for Western sanctions.

Some migrants, chiefly from Iraq and Syria, have died from exhaustion near Poland’s border with Belarus, which runs over 250 miles through forest, bogs and along the Bug River.

Poland has built a razor-wire fence on the border and sent thousands of border guards, troops and police, but the measures have failed to stop the inflow of migrants. The border guards have also been pushing migrants back across the border, including some families with children, and a new Polish law makes that legal.

Poland is also in talks with the European Union’s border agency Frontex regarding plans to fly the migrants back to their home countries.

Migrants who get into any EU country can ask for international protection, or asylum that will cover all of

the EU, but in most cases the requests are denied.

Queen Elizabeth II health: Queen Elizabeth II has been advised to rest for at least the next two weeks, accepting doctors’ recommendations to take on only light duties and not travel, Buckingham Palace said Friday.

The decision comes days after the 95-year-old sovereign underwent medical tests and spent the night at London’s King Edward VII’s Hospital, her first such stay in eight years. Elizabeth has continued to work since then and will press on with desk-based duties, but will skip the Nov. 13 Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall in London, an event meant to honor the British and Commonwealth men and women who have fought wars, disasters and pandemics to protect and defend the nation.

“However, it remains the queen’s firm intention to be present for the National Service of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday, on 14th November,” the palace said.

Cuomo criminal complaint: A New York sheriff on Friday defended his decision to file a criminal complaint against former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo without consulting prosecutors or the accuser, a woman who says the Democrat groped her late last year.

But Sheriff Craig Apple said he was confident in the strength of the case, which he said was based on witness interviews and voluminous records.

“I feel very confident that the district attorney is going to prosecute this,” he told reporters at a news conference in Albany, the state capital. The sheriff said he spoke with the district attorney after Thursday’s filing, but declined to share what



A girl poses Friday with a Turkish flag featuring a portrait of Atatürk outside Anitkabir, the mausoleum of modern Turkey’s founder Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, during the 98th Anniversary of the Republic ceremonies in Ankara. ADEM ALTAN/GETTY-AFP

was said.

When asked if the governor would be arrested, Apple simply responded, “Yes.”

The one-page complaint filed in Albany City Court accuses Cuomo of forcible touching by putting his hand under a woman’s shirt on Dec. 7.

The complaint did not name the woman, but she has identified herself as Brittany Comisso, who worked as one of Cuomo’s executive assistants before he resigned amid sexual harassment allegations in August.

Lawyer’s money: A South Carolina lawyer involved in a half-dozen state police investigations has been cagey about his assets and should have to hand over control of his money to independent representatives so that he does not engage in further fraud, an attorney told a judge Friday.

Attorneys in three different civil cases have said they fear Alex Murdaugh is trying to hide millions of dollars

they could possibly collect in their lawsuits. Murdaugh’s lawyer said he hasn’t been found responsible in any of the civil suits and has insurance to cover if he is required to pay damages.

Circuit Judge Daniel Hall said he would rule sometime around the middle of next week.

Alex Murdaugh remains in the Richland County jail without bond.

The lawyers said Alex Murdaugh could be hiding inheritance from the deaths of his wife, Maggie, and son, Paul, in an unsolved shooting at the family’s home in June or from his father’s death from natural causes a few days later.

Sudan leader: The Sudanese general who seized power in a coup this week said the military he heads will appoint a technocrat prime minister to rule alongside it within days.

In an interview with Russia’s state-owned Sputnik news agency published Friday, Abdel-Fattah Burhan

said the new premier will form a cabinet that will share leadership of the country with the armed forces.

“We have a patriotic duty to lead the people and help them in the transition period until elections are held,” Burhan said in the interview. He said that as long as expected protests are peaceful, “security forces will not intervene.”

The generals have not yet produced a list of candidates for the premiership, Burhan said.

The decision to appoint a premier is in line with earlier promises by the generals that they would install a new nonpartisan technocrat cabinet. It remains unclear what degree of power the new government will have.

Myanmar military torture: The U.S. State Department expressed outrage and demanded an investigation on Friday after The Associated Press reported that Myanmar’s military has been torturing detainees in

a systemic way across the country.

The United Nations’ top expert on human rights in Myanmar also called for strong international pressure on the military. And lawmakers in Washington urged Congress to act in the wake of AP’s investigation, which was based on interviews with 28 people, including women and children, imprisoned and released since the military took control of the government in February.

“We are outraged and disturbed by ongoing reports of the Burmese military regime’s use of ‘systematic torture’ across the country,” the State Department said, using Myanmar’s other name, Burma. “Reports of torture in Burma must be credibly investigated and those responsible for such abuses must be held accountable.”

Security forces have killed more than 1,200 people since February, including at least 131 detainees tortured to death.

BUSINESS

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US wages boosted by the most in a 20 year-record

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wages jumped in the three months ending in September by the most on records dating back 20 years, a stark illustration of the growing ability of workers to demand higher pay from companies that are desperate to fill a near-record number of available jobs.

Pay increased 1.5% in the third quarter, the Labor Department said Friday. That’s up sharply from 0.9% in the previous quarter. The value of benefits rose 0.9% in the July-September quarter, more than double the preceding three months.

Workers have gained the upper hand in the job market for the first time in at least two decades, and they are commanding higher pay, more benefits and other perks like flexible work hours. With more jobs available than there are unemployed people, government data shows, businesses have been forced to work harder to attract staff.

Higher inflation is eating away at some of the wage increases, but in recent months overall pay has kept up with rising prices. The 1.5% increase in wages and salaries

in the third quarter is ahead of the 1.2% increase in inflation during that period, economists said.

In the year ending in September, wages and salaries soared 4.2%, also a record gain. But the government also reported Friday that prices increased 4.4% in September from year earlier. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, inflation was 3.6% in the past year.

Jason Furman, a former top economic adviser to President Barack Obama, said Friday that inflation-adjusted wages still trail their pre-pandemic level, given the big price jumps that occurred over the spring and summer for new and used cars, furniture, and airline tickets.

Whether inflation fades in the coming months will determine how much benefit workers get from higher pay. Many economists expect inflation to slow a bit, while wages are likely to keep rising.

Pay is rising much faster in the recovery from the pandemic recession than in the recovery from the Great Recession of 2008-2009, when wage growth kept slowing until a year after that downturn ended. That’s because of the different nature of the two recessions and the different policy

responses.

There has been much more government stimulus during and after the pandemic recession compared with the previous one, including the \$2 trillion financial support package signed by former President Donald Trump in March 2020 and the \$1.9 trillion in aid approved by President Joe Biden this March. Both packages provided stimulus checks and enhanced unemployment benefits that fueled greater spending.

Lower-paid workers have seen the biggest gains, with pay rising for employees at restaurants, bars and hotels by 8.1% in the third quarter from a year earlier.

The healthy increase for disadvantaged workers “is the result of specific policy choices to give workers a better bargaining hand and to ensure the economy recovered faster,” said Mike Konczal, a director at the left-leaning Roosevelt Institute.

The stimulus checks and an extra \$300 a week in jobless benefits, which ended in September, gave those out of work more leverage to demand higher pay, Konczal said.

In August, there were 10.4 million jobs available, down from the 11 million in July, which was the most in two decades.

Starbucks workers will vote on union

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

Workers hoping to unionize Starbucks stores in the U.S. have won a preliminary victory before the National Labor Relations Board.

The board said employees at three separate Starbucks stores in Buffalo, New York, can hold union elections in November in a new ruling. The board rejected Starbucks’ attempt to hold a single vote with 20 stores in the region.

If the effort is successful, the stores would be the first of Starbucks’ 8,000 company-owned U.S. stores to unionize. The Seattle coffee giant opposes the unionization effort.

Starbucks said Thursday evening that it had just received the ruling and was evaluating its options. The company reported record fiscal fourth quarter revenue of \$8.1 billion earlier Thursday and had announced a \$1 billion effort to raise U.S. workers’ pay.

The NLRB said the union elections will be held by mail-in ballot between Nov. 10 and Dec. 8. The NLRB will count the ballots on Dec. 9.

There are about 128 employees at the three stores that will vote, according to the NLRB decision.

“It’s been disappointing to see Starbucks working overtime to try to stop us from organizing, but today’s decision is a big win and soon we’re going to have an even bigger victory when we vote our union in,” said Michelle Eisen, an 11-year veteran of Starbucks in Buffalo and a member of Starbucks Workers United, the union organizing group.

Starbucks Workers United has the backing of the broader Workers United union, which represents 86,000 U.S. and Canadian workers in food service, textiles and other industries. Workers United is an affiliate of the Service Employees International Union.



Jacqueline Grace left, Terry Glebocki, Karie Hall and Melonie Johnson all ran Atlantic City, N.J., casinos last year. Glebocki and Hall have since left their positions. Women make up 51% of the U.S. casino workforce, the American Gaming Association says. WAYNE PARRY/AP 2020

Making room at the tables

Women, men in casino industry agree that more diversity is needed in gaming workforce

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Diversifying an organization or an industry can be only half the battle. The trick is keeping it diverse.

In 2020, Atlantic City was celebrating a wave of female leadership in its casino industry. Four of the nine casinos had women in the top job, a high-water mark for the resort city and for many other casino markets in the country.

But it didn’t last.

Within months, one of the four was replaced by a man when new owners took over Bally’s casino. And this month, the head of the Ocean Casino Resort resigned days before a Detroit company was approved to take a 50% ownership stake in the casino.

Nationwide, women make up 51% of the U.S. casino workforce, according to the American Gaming Association, the casino industry’s national trade group. But the group does not track the percentage of

women in top casino jobs.

The work of diversifying casinos has been going on for years, even as women — and men — in the industry agree that more needs to be done.

“We’re seeing some progress,” said Erin Chamberlin, senior vice president of regional operations for Penn National Gaming. “But women kind of make it so far, and to make it to the next level, we’re kind of struggling.”

These issues are not unique to casinos. Businesses across the country and the world are moving at varying speeds to diversify their workforces.

A panel discussion this week at the East Coast Gaming Congress, a major casino conference in Atlantic City, examined the role of women in the gambling industry.

“When I started in the casino business, my parents told me explicitly: ‘Do not work in the casinos,’” said Karen Worman, regional vice president of finance for Caesars Entertainment in Atlantic City. “Their perception was that women in casinos were Playboy bunnies.”

Worman said she is optimistic about the future of women in the gambling industry, and recommends casinos offer cross-training in as many different aspects of the busi-

ness as possible to female employees to prepare them for advancement.

Atlantic City now has two casinos led by women: Melonie Johnson at the Borgata, and Jacqueline Grace at the Tropicana.

Grace said the reduction in female leadership in her market is a normal part of the flux that the casino industry undergoes, and noted that the woman who formerly led Bally’s as its general manager, Karie Hall, is now senior vice president and general manager of a Caesars Entertainment casino in Lake Tahoe.

“I don’t view that as a loss of progress,” she said. Caesars Entertainment, she said, “has made a real commitment to diversity and gender equity.”

In 2017 the company announced a commitment to achieve gender equality among its leadership ranks by 2025.

Stacey Rowland, vice president of regulatory compliance for Rush Street Gaming, said companies need to make a firm commitment to diversity, and follow through on it. That, she said, eventually will lead to a company that sees the world differently.

“Instead of saying, ‘I know a guy,’ say, ‘I know a gal. And she can do the job,’” Rowland said.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

China eyes tight data moving rule

BEIJING — Companies in China would need government approval to transfer important data abroad under proposed rules announced Friday that would tighten Beijing’s control over information and might disrupt operations for international corporations.

The measure is needed to protect the Chinese public and “safeguard national security,” the Cyberspace Administration of China said.

Companies that want to transfer important data abroad would have to report on how much and what type of information is involved and security measures, according to the CAC. Regulators would decide within a week whether to accept that or conduct their own review, which could last up to 60 days.

EU consumer prices hit spike

LONDON — Consumer prices across the 19 European Union countries that use the euro currency have spiked to the highest level in over 13 years on the back of soaring energy prices and pent-up demand during the pandemic recovery, official figures showed Friday.

Eurostat, the European Union’s statistics agency, said inflation across the bloc rose to 4.1% in the year through October, up from September’s equivalent rate of 3.4%. The increase was the highest since July 2008, when inflation was also 4.1%.

Inflation in the 19 countries, like elsewhere in the world, has been spiking in recent months as the global economy rebounds from the pandemic. Businesses worldwide are feeling a pinch of supply chain backups.

UK may turn on French fishing threats

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain’s environment minister pledged Friday to retaliate if France carries through on threats to block U.K. fishing ships from French ports, warning that “two can play at that game” in the worsening dispute rooted in Britain’s departure from the European Union.

Britain summoned the French ambassador for a dressing-down after French authorities fined two British fishing vessels and kept one in port overnight Thursday.

Since the U.K. left the economic orbit of the EU in January, relations between London and Paris have become increasingly frayed as the nations on either side of

the English Channel sort out a post-Brexit path.

France has threatened to block British boats and tighten checks on U.K. vessels unless French vessels get more permits to fish in U.K. waters. France also suggested it might restrict energy supplies to the Channel Islands, British Crown dependencies that lie off the coast of France and are heavily dependent on French electricity.

“We will see what they do,” British Environment Secretary George Eustice told Sky News. “But if they do bring these into place, well, two can play at that game and we reserve the ability to respond in a proportionate way.”

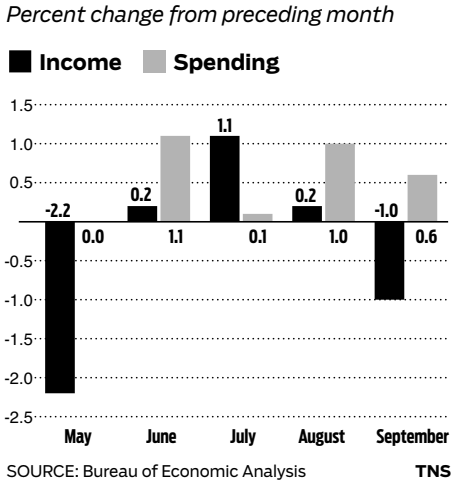
Brexit minister David Frost told European Commission Vice President Maros

Sefcovic at a meeting in London that the British government could launch “dispute settlement proceedings” under the trade deal that underpinned the UK-EU divorce if France goes ahead with its threats over the fishing fight. Frost added that other responses were possible, “including implementing rigorous enforcement processes and checks on EU fishing activity in UK territorial waters.”

The U.K. government said France’s ambassador, Catherine Colonna, would be summoned to the Foreign Office on Friday.

France vehemently protested the decision last month by the U.K. and the Channel Island of Jersey to refuse dozens of French fishing boats licenses to operate in their territorial waters.

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Biden, Francis united by enemies

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When President Joe Biden met with Pope Francis on Friday, the two men had something important in common: They share many of the same enemies.

Their bittersweet solidarity illustrates how profoundly culture-war politics have engulfed the Catholic Church in the United States. If the church were not so divided, we might be focusing instead on the historic nature of this encounter.

The religiously observant Biden is only the second Roman Catholic U.S. president, while Francis is the first pope from the Americas. Francis's views on economics and globalization, shaped by the experience of the global south, are far removed from the market consensus in Washington or New York.

Both favor robust policies to contain climate change. The core purpose of Biden's European visit is the Glasgow summit on the climate crisis that opens Sunday. If anything, Francis is to what might be seen as Biden's left on the issue, having outlined an especially bold vision on the dangers of a warming planet in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

But what would astonish — and mystify — earlier generations of U.S. Catholics is the extent to which a pope is far more sympathetic to a Catholic president than are many American bishops — and that Biden's most ardent detractors among Catholics are, in many cases, open critics of Francis.

The turmoil says a lot about Francis and also speaks to the impact that political polarization has had on the U.S. church — specifically over whether opposition to abortion should dominate the church's public mission.

At issue is not abortion itself. The pope strongly opposes abortion, and so, too, do the more liberal American bishops who have resisted denying Biden Communion because of the president's support for abortion rights.

Yet the U.S. hierarchy is almost alone among church leadership bodies around the world in casting abortion as not simply a critical question but what the U.S. bishops have called “our preeminent priority.” This emphasis says at least as much about the increasing power of the right in Christian circles as it does about theology.

This relentless focus flies in the face of Francis's effort to lift up care for the world's poorest people, including immigrants, and for Earth itself as Christian priorities central to an ethic of life.

The contrast has pitted American bishops close to the pope — among them Cardinal Blase Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, and Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego — against others in the bishops' conference who have argued for denying Biden Communion. A majority of bishops appear to have backed off this threat, though the issue could reemerge next month when the hierarchy meets to discuss a document on the Eucharist.

Last month, Francis weighed in indirectly on Biden's side. He said that bishops should minister with “compassion and tenderness” and “not go condemning, condemning.” Communion, he said, “is not a prize for the perfect.”

Francis has also been increasingly vocal in taking on the American Catholic right. In September, he criticized the Eternal Word Television Network without naming it (he referred to EWTN as “a large Catholic television channel”) for having “no hesitation in continually speaking ill of the pope,” and adding: “They are the work of the devil.”

One of the pope's frequent critics, retired Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, shot back against “vindictive and false” criticisms of EWTN in an essay that also criticized Biden.

Oh, yes, and Francis granted a private audience to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) this month even though her home archbishop, Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco, had said not two weeks earlier that public figures who support abortion rights should be denied Communion. The archbishop urged Catholics to pray for Pelosi to undergo a “conversion of heart.”

John Carr, founder of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University (where I teach), argues that it is no surprise Biden and Francis share some of the same adversaries. Francis's “bottom-up” and Biden's “middle-out” perspectives, he said, both “threaten people with ecclesial, political and economic power.”

Many of Biden's Catholic allies “are disappointed with his Democratic orthodoxy on abortion but nonetheless believe that many of his policies will advance the common good,” Carr added.

No one should expect this back story of church conflict to shape the public choreography of Biden's encounter with the pope. It's certainly possible that Francis will discuss abortion with the most prominent member of his American flock, but it's just as likely that he'll push Biden to do more on climate, and much more to assist poor nations, particularly with coronavirus vaccinations.

For American Catholics, however, the meeting will underscore how out of step many of their leaders are with the man whose titles include Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church.

E.J. Dionne Jr. writes about politics for The Washington Post.



Anita Mulshine, of Simsbury, speaks at a rally opposing a vaccine requirement for Hartford Healthcare workers outside Hartford Hospital in August. Mulshine is a registered nurse at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Once again, Courant finds the negative

I encourage you to consider headlines that emphasize the behavior of a majority of people making positive choices to help others, rather than shining a spotlight on the few who refuse to support our communal effort to a safe and healthy society. For example, in your Oct. 23 article [Page 1, “Hartford Healthcare fires 109 over vaccine rule”], your headline is about the 109 people fired, which focuses attention on what that consequence must feel like for those people. However, a full reading of the article indicates that 99.8% of the 26,500 workforce, or 26,447 people, complied with either vaccination or filing for exemption and complying with testing. While news is supposed to be objective, the simple act of deciding what facts to include or highlight dictates the narrative. Shift your focus and emphasize how we are mostly pulling together to get beyond COVID-19. Include the facts about the outliers in your article, but do not give them prominence.

Carolyn Weiser, West Hartford

Gas prices soar under Biden, Democrats

Recently a news outlet in The Courant blamed the increase in the price of gasoline as a result of global supply shortfall. That explanation was another media cover-up. We had low gas prices and energy independence under the previous administration. Biden ruined that.

Now gasoline has increased by 60%-70% and homeowners will be shocked by their winter heating bills. Energy dependence is not good for national security. But as we learned from his open-border policy Biden does not care about security.

In Connecticut, some politicians are pushing the Transportation Climate Initiative. This bill is a socialist way to control commodity. It would result in even higher oil prices and hardship for homeowners dealing with record inflation.

Ted Ksiazek, Middletown

Berlin needs facility upgrade for seniors

The population of Berlin is estimated about 20,500. CT Healthy Aging Community Profile 2021 says there are an estimated 6,000 seniors in Berlin with 833 registered members at the senior center and 26,773 people attending programs. The community center during the same period had 19,341 people using its facility. Architects use these figures to determine the size a new combined building.

Forums have been scheduled to present information regarding the new combined senior center/community center building for the town. Forums are the place to ask questions. A need for a combined building is not going to go away. When the plans are completed, this will come to referendum. There is a set of architect drawings available for review at Berlin Peck Memorial Library.

Funding is available through grants and loans from the state. This project has been floating around for years. Let's get it approved and done. The people using the present two buildings and equipment are your parents and families. They deserve time to enjoy the new facility, to help enjoy improved health, and have more places to socialize.

Kathleen L. Murray, Kensington

The writer is a member of the commission for aging

Remembering Chief Sullivan

Saddened to read of the death of Bernard Sullivan, who served as Hartford's police chief during my terms as mayor of Hartford. Being the first African American mayor, I received several letters and phone messages of negative racial content. “Bernie,” as we called him, told me to just give it time and he would take care of them. I did, and he did, and they stopped and two of us kept in contact in monthly update meetings.

Bernie was true to his profession as well as true to the officers who served under him, as well as Hartford residents. He will be long remembered and greatly missed. My sincere condolences to his family and my thanks to them for allowing him to serve a city and its people in such a professional, friendly and compassionate way. Thanks, Bernie.

Thirman L. Milner, Hartford

The writer is the former mayor of Hartford

OP-ED

The left is losing the culture wars

By Pankaj Mishra
Bloomberg Opinion

Five years ago, demagogues waging a culture war against metropolitan elites and minorities broke into mainstream politics in Britain and the United States. The result was Brexit and the election of Donald Trump. Eric Zemmour's meteoric rise as a challenger to French President Emmanuel Macron confirms that vicious culture wars have become central to the West's major political democracies.

More disturbingly, liberals and progressives invested in economic and social progress are too disunited and distracted by factional struggles to effectively combat these prophets of decline and vendors of ethnic-racial regeneration. The heartlands of Western democracy are thus becoming increasingly dysfunctional and the language of majoritarianism is taking over public discourse.

Convinced twice by French courts for inciting racial hatred, Zemmour believes that France is being swamped by Muslims and that an unpatriotic media “constantly spits” on French history and culture. Solicited by Macron himself for his views on immigration during the shift of French political culture to the right, Zemmour has been lately buoyed by his appearances on France's version of Fox News. Even if he doesn't become president, he has already played the crucial role British firebrand Nigel Farage performed in U.K. politics: consolidating voters behind white nationalism and forcing established parties to cater to them.

What does this convergence of governing styles with demagoguery across France, the U.K. and the U.S. reveal? For one, the traditional political categories and constituencies of left and right have dissolved.

In recent months, for instance, while

old-style Tories have looked on aghast, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has radically remade the Conservative Party for a more desperate and ideologically promiscuous era. Proposing to raise corporate taxes, he's offering voters a quasi-socialist program of lavish public spending in what he calls “one of the most imbalanced societies and lopsided economies.”

Much like Trump, Johnson works with the intuition that today the most crucial political division exists between those who benefited from three decades of hectic globalization — largely well-educated, urban classes — and those who didn't. Elections, it seems, will be won by those who can secure sufficient votes among the left-behind.

The mainstream political parties that once advanced economic and social liberalism — Democrats and Republicans in the U.S., socialists and center-rightists in France, and the Conservative and Labour parties in Britain — have been struggling since the financial crisis of 2008 to heal disaffection in their societies. Amid widespread perplexity, mercurial and often fringe figures such as Trump, Johnson and Zemmour have short-circuited party-political processes to rally older voters in suburbs, towns and rural areas.

None of these impresarios have any coherent plan to make their nations great again. But then, thoughtful economic policy does not seem adequate to voters gripped by existential fears. Unabashed supremacists have found in culture wars — essentially, baiting of racial and ethnic minorities and their allegedly “woke” patrons among metropolitan elites, as well as chest-thumping about national, racial and civilizational glory — a dependable political resource.

Entrenched through false promises and rousing slogans (“Take back control!” “Build the wall!”), this radicalized political culture is hard to uproot,

as can be seen in the current struggles of President Joe Biden with the toxic legacy of Trumpism.

The most flexible and ingenious forces shaping politics today seem to be on the right, while the traditional liberal-left opposition is in disarray. Some of the ideas of the progressive left discarded during three decades of triumphant neo-liberalism have reappeared in the policy prescriptions of the Biden administration. But the left, confined to academia and small sectors of the political, media and think tank establishment, cannot begin to match the institutional bulk and ideological reach of the right.

There is no left version of Fox News, or indeed left media platforms that approximate the vast echo chambers of the right. Nor do liberals and leftists have any rousing ipostes to the right's emotional invocation of region and country, any galvanizing symbols to match the freshly potent myths of national and racial glory.

Liberals, upholders of an international order, cannot persuasively lip-sync white-nationalist bromides against immigrants, refugees and Muslims. Self-declared “centrists” have taken to blaming the “woke” left for their own political failures. But raucous blame-games that credit leftists with more influence than they have distract from the real forces polluting public and private spheres with conspiracy theories and vile prejudices.

The implications are grim: The right in the U.S., U.K. and France is ruthlessly defining the parameters of political cultures, while liberals and leftists squabble among themselves. Zemmour probably won't be the last demagogue to push Western democracy further down the road to majoritarianism.

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Application # 2096-21-Z - Dough Sauce & Cheese LLC DBA Luna Pizza - 181-183 Main Street - Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2.F.1. for a take out restaurant, a walk in cooler and storage shed at 181-183 Main Street.—Continued to 11-03-21.
Application #2098-21-Z - Peter Gillespie - Town of Wethersfield - Zoning Regulation Amendment in accordance with Section 10.1.F. for a temporary moratorium on Cannabis Establishments and Medical Marijuana Dispensary Facilities.—Tabled.
Application #2099-21-Z - Andrea & Michael Horak - Site Plan and Design Review in accordance with Section 5.2.D.1. for a change of use for a dog grooming business at 734 Silas Deane Highway—APPROVED.
Application #3000-21-Z - Hartford Brewing Company, LLC - Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2.F.2. and 9. for a change of use to a Brewpub with outside dining at 245 Main Street.—Continued to 11-03-21.
Application #3001-21-Z - Ocean State Job Lot #323 -Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.3. Accessory Use for Outdoor Storage and Display of Propane at 13 Wells Road.—Tabled.

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Moses Christopher Caldwell 66, departed this earth on Oct. 13, 2021 surrounded by his family. Born in New Britain. He was predeceased by his parents Exelee Yopp Caldwell and Moses Caldwell. He leaves his sisters Vanessa Jefferys of New Britain, Linda Washington of Windsor and Exelee Anderson of East Hartford, a brother David Caldwell of Danbury and son Rashiem Caldwell of New Britain and a host of nieces and nephews. Moses had recently been studying optometry. His family will miss his charm, wit and great smile.

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Corbitt, Delinda

Delinda (Soares) Corbitt, 83, beloved wife of the late Eugene Corbitt, passed away on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at her home in Manchester. She was born on January 24, 1938, in Fall River, MA, daughter of the late Anthony and Delinda Soares. Delinda is survived by her two sons, Curtis and Jay Corbitt, her daughter Judy Corbitt-Keyes; grandchildren Benjamin & Travis Corbitt and Mackenzie & Lindsay Corbitt. Delinda's family will be receiving relatives and friends at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, from 10:00 - 11:00 am, with a funeral home service at 11:00 am and burial to follow at East Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Delinda & Eugene's honor to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Cordeiro, Agostinho



Agostinho Cordeiro, 63, of West Hartford, beloved husband of Antemia Cordeiro passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday October 28, 2021. Born in Portugal, the beloved son, who has joined his parents, Olinda Conceição Jorge and Manuel Jorge Cordeiro. Agostinho is survived by his daughter who was his world, Vanessa Damiao and her husband Sergio Damiao and two grandchildren, Emersyn and Liam; two sisters, Natalia Correia and Idalina Cordeiro. Agostinho leaves behind many nieces and nephews who he adored. Agostinho will forever be missed and will hold a special place in our hearts. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, (November 1), 11:00 am at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Hartford. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Calling hours will be prior to the Mass from 9 am to 10:30 am at the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave., West Hartford. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com



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Edwards, Shirley M.



Shirley M. (Force) Edwards, 92, a resident of Brookdale in South Windsor, after living for over 40 years in Vernon, passed away on September 13, 2021. Memorial service will be held November 6th at 1 p.m. at the Rockville United Methodist Church, 142 Grove Street, Rockville. The family requests that only those vaccinated against Covid attend in person to protect those with health issues. The service will be live streamed by Carmon Funeral Home for those unable to attend. For online condolences, live stream, donations, and a FULL obituary listing please visit www.carmonfuneral-home.com

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DeLeo, Anna



Anna (Albano) DeLeo, 82, beloved mother of her family fell asleep in death on Tuesday, October 26th, 2021 at Saint Francis Hospital. She was born in Bracigliano (Salerno) Italy, the daughter of Giuseppe and Alfonsina (Basile) Albano. She immigrated to the United States as a young girl. She worked as a Seamstress until she met the love of her life, John M. DeLeo. They were married in 1959 and initially settled in Hartford. Soon after, they started their family, Anna quit her job to focus on raising her three children. In the seventies, they moved to their current homestead in Wethersfield. When her children were mature enough, she sought employment at the former Sage-Allen store in Wethersfield, where she worked in the Ladies Apparel department. She enjoyed the job immensely, as she loved dealing with the public and outfitting women in fine clothing. It was a source of joy for her. She eventually retired from Sage-Allen to assist in the family business, A.D.'s Pizzeria in Windsor Locks. She became locally famous for her delicious pizzelles which were always a big hit. In 2019, she retired from the pizzeria after a long career and was missed by many of the local clientele. Even after retirement, she continued making those pizzelles at home to satisfy her former customers. Anna was predeceased by her loving husband John in 1997. She leaves behind her son, Franco DeLeo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Felicia and Mitchell North, Alfonsina and Raffaele Aliberti; and her two sisters, Giovanna Aliberti and Francesca Ferrara, both of Bracigliano. Also missing her are her five grandchildren, John Franco DeLeo, Justin DeLeo, Anna DeLeo, Maria Aliberti, and Fulvio Aliberti; four nieces and nephews, Giuseppe Aliberti, Cristoforo Aliberti, Luigi Ferrara, and Raffaella Palmieri, all of Bracigliano, as well as several other relatives and close friends. Family and friends are invited to call on Tuesday (November 2, 2021) from 5 to 7 PM at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill. A Graveside service will be on Wednesday (November 3, 2021 at 10am) in the Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Connecticut Epilepsy Advocate, Inc., on-line at www.ct-ea.org or 20 Salem Walk, Milford, CT 06460-7132. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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Duncan, Craig A.



Craig A. Duncan, 62, of Southington, passed away on Monday, October 11, 2021 after a long, brave battle with brain cancer. Craig was born on December 18, 1958 in Waterbury to the late David and Alice (Anderson) Duncan. After high school, he proudly joined the U.S. Marine Corps from Parris Island and served as a combat engineer, specializing in landmine warfare and touring Pendleton CA, 29 Palms and Japan. In 1984, Craig started his career as a blasting technician at Blastech Inc. He was hard working, precise and enjoyed going to work every day. He also worked as a pyrotechnician for the Coast Guard and worked on the fireworks displays at Lake Compounce, Quassy and the First Night in Hartford. In his early years, Craig lived fast. He enjoyed riding motorbikes and loved catching all types of swamp creatures, including frogs and salamanders. In the early 80s, he was a National Champion in Arm Wrestling. Craig loved animals and being outdoors. He especially enjoyed fishing and trips to the beaches at Cape Cod. Craig is survived by his son, Shane Duncan and wife Rachel of Newington; his significant other of 13 years, Sandra Reed of Southington; 2 brothers, Scott Duncan of Oakville and Russell Duncan and wife Robin of Terryville, many nieces and nephews and his beloved cat, Sunny. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Karen Hazen and sister-in-law, Sandy Duncan. In lieu of flowers, donations in Craig's memory may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111, cthumane.org. A memorial service with military honors will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the Plantsville Funeral Home, 975 S. Main St, Plantsville. Calling hours will be held before the service from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the funeral home. For online condolences and directions, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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FEIGENBAUM, Pamela G.



Pamela Gayle Feigenbaum passed away peacefully at home in Chesterfield MO on October 28, 2021. She was born Sept. 20, 1962, in Hartford, CT, daughter of the late Morris and Sylvia (Kotkin) Feigenbaum. As Pam was so much younger than her two oldest sisters, she was fondly referred to as the "baby sister" throughout her life. She attended public schools in West Hartford, CT. She had her Bas Torah service at Beth David Synagogue in West Hartford, and she was a 1980 graduate of Hall High School where she was editor in chief of the student newspaper. Pam received a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, with a major in journalism from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1984. After graduation, she worked in Miami Beach as a copy editor for Knight-Ridder's Viewtron service. In 1986, she moved to Westchester, NY to work for Gannett Suburban Newspapers, followed by the Winston-Salem Journal in 1994, the Chicago Sun-Times in 1998 and the Washington Post in 2000. She was a resident of Fairfax Country, VA until she moved with her dog, Zoey, to live with her sister Susan and brother-in-law Jay in Chesterfield MO in 2018. Pam volunteered at the K-1 classroom at the H. F. Epstein Hebrew Academy in St. Louis and was a favorite to her young students, calling her "Auntie Pam". She attended Nusach Hari B'Nai Zion synagogue in Olivette MO. She leaves her loving sisters- Dr. Susan Feigenbaum (Dr. Jay Pepose) of Chesterfield, MO and Jane (Edward dec.) Ellis of Glastonbury CT. She adored, and equally adored by her nephews and nieces, Brian and Karen Ellis, David, Max, Sam, and Morissa Pepose.

A graveside service will be held at Wolkowysker Society Cemetery in Hartford, CT on Sunday 10/31/2021 at 10:30 AM. Facemasks are required.

Charitable contributions in Pam's memory may be made to the "Auntie Pam Arts & Crafts Fund" at H.F. Epstein Academy, 8645 Old Bonhomme Rd, St. Louis, MO 63132 or to a charity of your choice.

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Ghio, Maureen M.



Maureen M. Ghio (McDonald), 88, of Bristol, passed away surrounded by her loving children on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, after a one month battle with metastatic ovarian cancer. She was born in Bristol, CT on November 20, 1932, daughter of the late William and Elizabeth (Parkinson) McDonald. Maureen was the devoted and proud wife of her late husband, Frederick E. Ghio, whom she missed deeply since his passing on September 27, 2020. She was a savvy entrepreneur throughout her entire life, she was truly ahead of her time. Maureen spent her career as a realtor and never fully retired. She was passionate about buying and selling real estate and was managing multiple properties until her very last days. Maureen liked to stay busy and being a grandmother was her favorite role for over 40 years. She was affectionately known by everyone in her family as "GG". Maureen left a lasting impression on everyone she met. She had a bold Irish personality that would capture the room. She was proud of her Irish heritage and fulfilled one of her lifelong dreams of traveling to Ireland. She was an animal lover through and through and took pride in being every dog's best friend. Maureen and Fred were high school sweethearts. They were happily married for nearly 70 years and lived a wonderful life together. They called many places their second home, including Black Point Beach, Sanibel Island and Vero Beach. She lived to create beautiful and lasting memories for her children and grandchildren, as she was the family Matriarch. She took her family on several cruises and enjoyed yearly trips to Disney World; she was the happiest when everyone was together. Maureen leaves behind her sons Frederick W. Ghio and his wife Mary, William M. Ghio and his wife Janet; daughters Susanbeth DeRemer and her husband William, Kathleen Markert and her husband Thomas; 12 grandchildren, Katie (Ryan), Beth (Chris), Maura (Justin), Billy, Rory, Drew, Billy, Megan (Derek), Brianna, Jaclyn, Amanda, and Alyssa (Matt); 8 great-grandchildren, Sean, Dylan, Vale, Kieran, Emme, Leo, Remi, Ford and 1 on the way. Calling hours will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021 from 4PM until 6PM at O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Bristol. A funeral will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 starting at the funeral home at 10AM until a procession to St. Anthony Church, 111 School St., Bristol for an 11AM Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Maureen was passionate about several charitable organizations. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org or Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, www.fidelco.org. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Maureen's tribute page at www.O'Brien-FuneralHome.com



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LeMay, Levi Donald



Levi Donald LeMay suddenly passed away at 4:06 p.m. on October 28th 2021, with his mom and dad by his side. Levi is lovingly remembered by his parents, Tracy Spain and Nicholas LeMay, grandparents, Jerry and Francine Spain, Michael LeMay and Alisa Brophy and great grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Levi was a character with a bright soul. He loved cuddling, playing and yelling with his parents, and flirting with his nurses. Despite all odds, Levi was very smart and loved his interactive toys. He was loved so much by his mom and dad, who were with him every step of the way. Levi was a fighter from the moment he arrived. He was born with heterotaxy syndrome and a congenital heart defect. Levi braved through multiple operations and procedures by the time he was three months old. He persevered through setbacks and his future was looking bright. Levi passed from a complication during a scheduled procedure. His family will miss him and love him forever. Along with his parents, he leaves his maternal grandparents, Jerry and Francine Spain and his paternal grandparents, Michael LeMay and Alisa Brophy. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Sunday, October 31st, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 p.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. His funeral service will begin on Monday, at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Newington. He will be lovingly laid to rest in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. To share a memory with his family, please visit us at www.duksa.net



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Mastromarino, Nunzio L.



Nunzio L. Mastromarino, 93, of Rocky Hill, beloved husband of Roberta (Gallivan) Mastromarino, passed away on Monday (October 25, 2021) at Hartford Hospital. He was born March 18, 1928 in Cambridge, MA. a son of the late Luigi and Clorinda (Fiore) Mastromarino. Nunzio received his degree from Suffolk University and opened his own accounting firm. He was a parishioner of Church of the Incarnation in Wethersfield. Nunzio was a proud WWII US Navy veteran. Besides his wife, Nunzio leaves three daughters, Rhonda (Jerry) Maloney, Brenda (Chuck) Cook, Carla (Joe) McLaughlin; four sisters, Josephine O'Bara, Mary Mark, Lucy Hanlon, and Rita Mulhern. He also leaves several grandchildren and great grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law. He was predeceased by his brothers, John, Anthony and Joseph Mastromarino; and a sister, Rose Alegi. Funeral services and burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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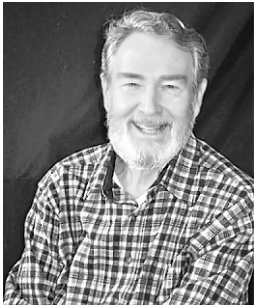
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Mack , Michael A



Michael A. Mack of Stonington, CT passed away peacefully on October 20, 2021 surrounded by the love of his family. Michael is the son of the late Blanche and Edward Mack of New Milford, CT. Michael was predeceased by his brother, Edward (Ned) Mack, of Detroit, Michigan. Michael leaves his wife Bonnie Mack of Stonington, Connecticut, his son Kevin Mack and daughter-in-law Lorrie Moore of Pasadena, California, and his daughter Elaine Miskinis (nee Mack), son-in-law Brian Miskinis and his beloved granddaughters Hayden and Kaya Miskinis of Epping, New Hampshire. He also leaves behind his step-children, Eric, Marcus and Michelle (predeceased), 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Michael was born in New Milford, CT on March 10, 1937. He attended The Canterbury School where his father, Edward Mack, was a celebrated history teacher. Micheal attended the College of the Holy Cross followed by Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT and St Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD where he earned his B.A.. Michael earned his law degree from The University of Connecticut School of Law in 1962. During that time he also joined the Army Reserves where he ascended to the rank of Captain. Michael practiced law from 1962-1983. In 1983, he was appointed to the bench by Governor William O'Neill, and served until June of 1990. During this time he served as the Administrative Judge for the Tolland and Windham Judicial Districts. In 1990, Michael left the Superior Court and accepted a position at Aetna Life & Casualty Co., serving as the Vice President of the Claim Legal Department. In 1998, he returned to the Superior Court, appointed by Governor John G. Rowland. He subsequently served as the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters in Windham. Michael was the Chief Court Administrator for the State of Connecticut as well as the Chief Administrative Judge for Juvenile Matters. After his mandatory retirement in 2007 he became the Judge Trial Referee in the Juvenile Court in Waterford, Connecticut where he focused on Child Protection until COVID-19 closed the court on his birthday, March 10th, 2020. In his retirement Mike devoted his time to reading and relaxing in his yard with Bonnie and his steadfast golden retriever, Montana, by his side. Mike lived life to the fullest. An avid skier, he joined the National Ski Patrol and he enjoyed patrolling at Haystack Mountain in Vermont. Mike also volunteered as an EMT in Somers, Connecticut where he lived for over twenty years. Mike was a private pilot and flight instructor. Mike was also a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Stonington CT Fishing Club. He loved to travel, driving cross country with Bonnie and their dogs several times over the years. Mike was most comfortable sitting outdoors with a cold beer in his hand talking and enjoying life. Even at the end of his life, Mike savored every moment. While in hospice in Portland, Maine he spent much of his time outdoors under the foliage with his family and his dog at his side. His final wish was that those who knew and cared for him take a moment each day to give thanks for the incredible gift it is to be alive on this earth. Mike left the world as he lived in it, at peace and surrounded by love. A mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Michael's Church in Pawcatuck, CT on Saturday, November 6 at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association or to The Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, Maine where Mike spent the last days of his life being cared for with compassion and kindness.

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Romanowski, Ann June



Ann June Romanowski, 69, of South Windsor, CT passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at Hartford Hospital. June was born on March 6, 1952 to the late Leo and Theresa (Rioux) Michaud of Hartford. She was the beloved wife of 49 years of Peter L. Romanowski. She graduated East Catholic High School and worked for many years before retiring from the Manchester Board of Education. June enjoyed reading, playing games, and spending time with her family and friends. One of June's greatest pleasures was spending time with her nieces and nephews and hearing about their antics. June is survived by her husband Peter of South Windsor, her brother Robert Michaud of Ellington, her sister and brother-in-law Linda and Bruce Nisbet of Lithia, FL, her brother and sister-in-law Michael and Mary-Lynn Michaud of West Hartford, her sister and brother-in-law Denise and Steve Scott of Punta Gorda, FL, her sister-in-law and husband Judy and John Mancuso of Wethersfield, her brother-in-law and wife Joseph and Julie Romanowski of Colchester. She was predeceased by her sister Jacqueline Michaud and her brother-in-law Bernie Romanowski. She is also survived by her many nieces, nephews, and friends. We would like to say a special thank you to Audrey Silver, Patty Veronneau and all the staff at Hartford Hospital for the exceptional care and comfort they provided June during her hospital stays. Also, special thanks Joseph Zagorski for all the support he provided to June and Pete. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd, South Windsor will be handling services. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Wakely, Paul V.



Paul Wakely
1952 - 2021

Hampton - Paul Wakely was born into the loving family of John V. and Lorraine (Ladd) Wakely on June 8, 1952. Paul had three older sisters and would be joined later by a brother and two younger sisters. His parents brought up their children with strong values of kindness, generosity, and hard work. Always important was a sense of humor and love. Paul kept all of that throughout his life and passed it onto his children. Paul was a strong believer in exercise and staying in shape. He played football (1970-1972) and rugby (1975-1977) at The University of Connecticut. Paul also did a stint in US Army from 1972-1974. He loved to run and ride his bike, running the Boston Marathon in 1978 and the Hartford half-marathon in 2014, plus many road races in between. Paul took the trip of a lifetime when he biked the Trans am Bikecentennial route from Yorktown, VA to Florence, OR: 4133 miles in 2009. After his graduation from UCONN in 1977 with a degree in Finance, Paul took a job at Dun & Bradstreet. Looking out the window every day and longing to be outside, he took up the building trade. In 1983 he became a partner in Lehto & Wakely Builders. In 1999 he took off on his own to form Paul Wakely Builders and Wakely Property Development. Paul kept up with all the latest building trends and prided himself on not only building a home that was energy efficient but also crafted to perfection. Paul was gracious and giving of his time. He was a volunteer with and served on the board of Habitat for Humanity, served on the Recreation Commission, Inland-Wetlands, Green Energy Committee and Board of Finance in the Town of Hampton. He also served on the board of the Fletcher Memorial Library where he did many building and grounds projects which earned him the nickname "Schneider" among his family members. He was also very active in his family's foundation, The Wakely Foundation, where he was always happy to see it grow and do good work in the local community. These are all things Paul did, but not who he was. He believed in caring for and holding dear his friends and family. He and his longtime buddy Carl lived far away, but they could spend hours on the phone. Paul was the consummate teacher, never missing an opportunity to impart a life lesson or math problem upon his children and grandchildren. Paul believed strongly in many life lessons like giving others the benefit of the doubt, that we have the ability at some point to control our own lives by taking control, and to live with your good and bad decisions and move on. He felt parenting never ends and engaged his children thoughtfully on ideas and encouraged them to think and be open minded. Paul was larger than life. He was generous to a fault. He loved to laugh and make others laugh. Even when he fell ill, he would show up at the infusion center with a big curly wig or some other disguise to bring some levity. He believed laughter was the best medicine. Paul wanted everyone to know how much he loved his wife, and that you should tell the people you love how you feel often and sincerely. He was proud of his children; they made him laugh and gave him joy. His grandchildren filled his heart with gladness, and he loved watching them play, learn, and explore. He will be missed by his wife Sharon Wakely, son and daughter-in-law Benjamin and Meaghan Wakely, their children Nolan and Margaret, son Jacob Wakely and his fiancé Nakita Herne, daughter and son-in-law Samantha (Wakely) and Nicholas Rizer, and their children Westin and Ellis. In addition, he leaves his sisters Sharon Keith, Ann Wakely, Maureen LaPorte and brother-in-law Scott LaPorte, Katherine LaPierre, and brother Edward Wakely and sister-in-law Brenda. Brothers and sisters-in-law Gary and Sally Flur, James and Mindy Intner and mother-in-law Regina Flur, plus many nieces, nephews, and cousins will also remember him fondly. Paul was pre-deceased by his parents John and Lorraine Wakely, and two sisters Paula and Mary, and father-in-law Harold Flur. The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at The Windham Hospital Infusion Center for all their unwavering compassion, friendship, and kindness. A special thank you to the staff at Hartford Hospital Conklin Building 2nd floor for their great care. In lieu of flowers or trees, donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave. Boston, MA 02215. Calling hours will be held at the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam, CT, from 6pm to 8pm on November 8, 2021. A gathering for family and friends to celebrate Paul's life and to share stories and memories will be held at noon on November 9, 2021 at Grill 37, 37 Putnam Rd., Pomfret, CT. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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Santanella, Jr., Richard (Rich) C.



Richard (Rich) C. Santanella, Jr., 40 years young, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Bristol, CT on October 22, 2021.

Rich was born on March 11, 1981 in Rockville, CT. He is survived by his loving wife Heather (Amundson) Santanella and their two children, daughter Hailey (9), and son Owen (6). His father Richard C. Santanella and his wife Colleen of Enfield, his Mother, Lynn (Batchelder) Santanella and Rick Daigle of East Windsor. He also leaves behind a brother, Peter J. Santanella and his wife Amy Santanella of Enfield, in-laws Tamara and Craig Amundson of Greenwich, as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Rich grew up in Enfield and graduated from Enfield High School in 1999. He held a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and a Bachelor of Science degree in music education from the University of Connecticut. He also had completed coursework for the Master of Science degree in music education from Central Connecticut State University. He was a member of the UConn Marching Band and served as its Drum Major in 2003. He was also a member of Kappa Psi, National Honorary Co-ed Band Fraternity, where his Big Brother turned out to be the love of his life and future wife.

Rich was the Director of Bands at Joseph A. DePaolo Middle School in Southington, CT where he inspired students to cultivate a love for music. Rich also served as director of the Center Stage Jazz Band, a subgroup of the Plainville Wind Ensemble. As principal saxophonist of the PWE, Rich has been featured as a soloist in past concerts.

Rich was an extremely devoted husband and father. His wife and kids were his world. In his spare time he enjoyed cycling, skiing, swimming, and surrounding himself with friends, family, and music.

Family and friends are invited to join the family for a Celebration of Rich's Life on Tuesday November 2nd from 4 to 8 PM at Funk's Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol who has the honor of serving Rich's Family. Funeral services will begin at 10 AM on Wednesday November 3rd with a funeral home service to start at 11AM with Pastor Ric Hanse. A virtual option for Rich's funeral home service on Wednesday will be available on his memorial website at www.FunkFuneralHome.com. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Hailey (<https://go.fidelity.com/7gxbr5>) and Owen's (<https://go.fidelity.com/u7be5p>) memorial college funds.



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Walsh, Joyce A. (Canino)



Joyce Arlene (Canino) Walsh, 83, of Glastonbury and previously East Hartford, widow of William Walsh, passed away on Sunday (October 24, 2021) at Hartford Hospital. She was born in Hartford on November 13, 1937 a daughter of the late Austin and Ella (Brandt) Canino. Joyce was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

Joyce's greatest joy was spending time with her family, cooking big family dinners, and just being surrounded by those she loved the most. Her quick wit, sense of humor, and beautiful smile will be missed greatly. She leaves behind a son, Arthur Walsh; a daughter, Lisa Yarid; five siblings, Richard, Frank, Dorothy, Shirley, and Sandra; two granddaughters, Andrea and Jessica; two great grandchildren, Nathan and Ariana; a brother-in-law, Kenneth and his wife Elizabeth. She was predeceased by her son Philip Walsh and a sister Elaine. Family and friends are invited to call on Monday (November 1, 2021) from 10 to 11 AM at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. A funeral service will follow at 11 AM in the funeral home. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers donations in Joyce's memory may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Association, 375 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ. 08034. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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Williams, Douglas H.



Douglas H. Williams, 72, beloved husband of Pamela (Slavis) Williams, died peacefully Tuesday, October 26, 2021, with his family by his side. Born in Hartford, son of the late Louis and Florence (Campanele) Williams he graduated from Windsor High School in 1967 and joined the US Army serving with the Special Forces as a Green Beret in Vietnam. After discharge he attended Hartford State Technical School for architecture and drafting. Here he realized his love of construction and built quality homes in East Granby, North



Granby, Simsbury, Suffield and Windsor along with elderly housing complexes in Chester and Granby. He loved his work, but his family was his life. Doug enjoyed all music, he would dance to anything, he read every Thor & Silva book, he loved motorcycles, the Red Sox, the Patriots and coaching soccer in East Granby. But, by far, he loved boating and planned many fun family adventures to Napatree Point, Block Island, the Elizabeth Islands and Cape Cod. Our boat was the family's summer home for many years. Aside from his loving wife, Pamela of Chester he leaves two daughters, Allison Collentro and her husband Michael of Duxbury, MA and Lindsay Williams of Simsbury; two sons, Douglas Williams, Jr. of Chester and Scott Williams of New Hartford; 5 grandchildren Jacob Williams and Samantha, Michael, Jr., Lincoln, and McKinley Collentro. Doug was a special and wonderful person, a big thank you goes out to his dear life-long friends, Scott, Bob, Ronnie, Randy, and Mark. His family would like to thank his caregivers, Dr. Swami, Karen, Sheri, and Jenny at DaVita Dialysis in Middletown for all their care and thanks goes to the doctors and nurses at Hartford Hospital, Dr. Kroen, Leah, Brianna, Julie, Erin, Renee and Michelle. Doug's family will receive friends on Monday, November 1, 2021, from 5-7 PM at the Carmon Funeral Home 807 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 11:30 AM at Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers you can make a memorial donation to the National Kidney Foundation or you can plant a tree in Doug's memory. To send online condolences, sign guest book or for directions visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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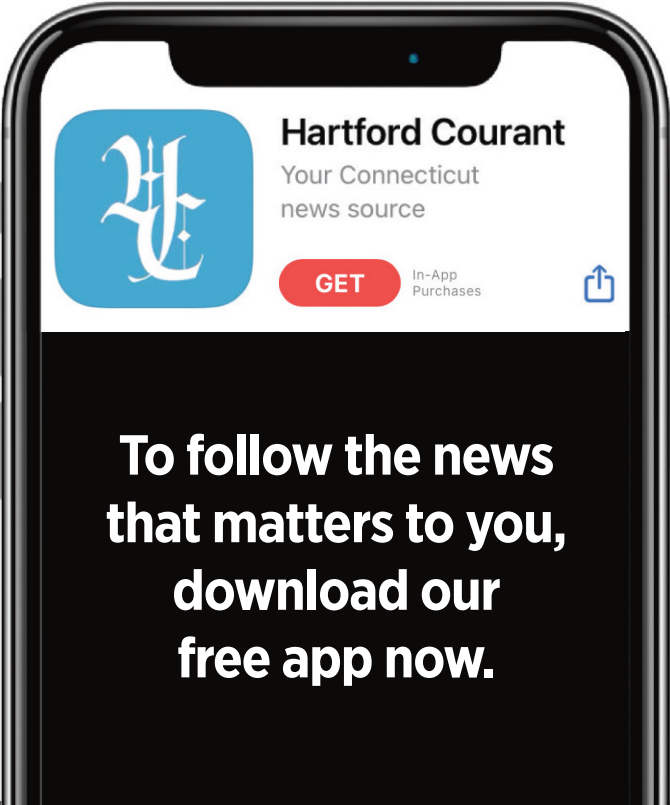
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By Jesse Leavenworth
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While Halloween movies and decorations this week cast bats as fictionalized flying demons, conservationists say the real horror story is the fungal disease called white-nose syndrome that continues to ravage bat colonies in Connecticut and 32 other states. Connecticut wildlife biologist Devaughn Fraser calls bats “sky puppies,” a term of endearment

for the creatures, which she says have “so many conservational challenges.” Oct. 24-31 is Bat Week (batweek.org) around the globe. Across Connecticut now, bats are on the move. Three species of tree bats — silver-haired, eastern red and hoary bats — are heading south for the winter, while six cave species — little brown, big brown, tri-colored, northern long-eared, eastern small-footed and Indiana bats — are preparing to hibernate.

Hibernating bats have been in severe decline since 2006 due to a cold-loving fungus that thrives in caves and mines. The fungus that causes white-nose syndrome grows on bats’ muzzles and wings, irritating and waking them from their winter slumber and forcing them to burn precious fat stores, which ultimately proves fatal. Northern long-eared bats in Connecticut have proved especially susceptible to white-nose syndrome, and their population in the state has sunk by almost 100%, Fraser said.

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Big brown bats in a Connecticut cave. PAUL FUSCO/CONNECTICUT DEEP



Chef Daniel Stevens' old surfboards are featured in the decor at La Joya Fresh Mexican in Simsbury. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

La Joya joins chef's love of Mexican food, surfing

New Simsbury restaurant offers fresh take on tacos, tamales and more

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

When Avon native Daniel Stevens moved to the southwest United States to start his culinary career, he immersed himself in two elements of its culture: Mexican food and surfing. Now Stevens has brought those passions back to Connecticut in his new Simsbury restaurant, La Joya Fresh Mexican. Stevens’ old surfboards and a painting of surfboards hang inside the site at 834 Hopmeadow St., and surfing videos are shown on one of two TV monitors above the bar. In the kitchen, Stevens cooks up the kind

of Mexican food that built him a following when he was chef at Sayulita in Glastonbury. Tacos and tamales, served a la carte, can be made from duck, carne asada, pork al pastor, Baja fish, fried chicken, sweet chili shrimp, citrus pork belly or beef and chorizo. Quesadillas have either tinga chicken or mushroom and leek. Snacks include chicken tortilla soup, ceviche, marinated shishito peppers. Dessert is churros with Mexican chocolate sauce and dulce de leche. Stevens owns the restaurant with his wife, Sandi. The name of the restaurant means “the jewel” in Spanish. But Mexico wasn’t the inspiration for the name. Sandi Stevens

said it was inspired by a resort in Bali where they spent their honeymoon. “It’s one of our favorite spots. We thought it had a very calming, nice name,” Sandi Stevens said. “It had meaning for both of us.” The fast-casual spot has 25 table seats indoors, seven at the bar and 24 on the sidewalk outside the restaurant, which is a repurposed Dunkin’ Donuts location. La Joya is open Wednesday and Thursday 4 to 9 p.m., Friday 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday 1 to 10 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 9 p.m.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Weekly positive test rate declines

Hospitalizations dip slightly; experts wary of holiday increases

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

Connecticut’s weekly COVID-19 positivity rate and its number of hospitalizations both fell again on Friday, as the virus continues to recede across much of the state. After a slight uptick in weekly positivity on Thursday, that metric dropped to its lowest point since late July on Friday. Hospitalizations fell to 190, their lowest point since early August. Experts say it remains unclear whether the state will see a spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations toward the end of the year, as a result of holiday gatherings and colder weather pushing people indoors.

Cases and positivity rate: Connecticut on Friday reported 424 new COVID-19 cases out of 27,848 tests administered, for a daily positivity rate of 1.52%. The state’s weekly positivity rate now stands at 1.64%, its lowest point since July 21. As of Friday, Windham County continued to record “high” levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hartford, New Haven, Middlesex, Litchfield and New London Counties had “substantial” levels of transmission, while Fairfield and Tolland Counties had only “moderate” transmission, meaning that residents there are not advised to wear masks indoors.

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State partners with Google for digital skills training program

Colleges, universities will be first in US to offer certificates for online IT, data analytics courses

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

MIDDLETOWN — Connecticut and Google announced Friday a partnership that would make the state the first in the U.S. to offer certificates to workers trained in information technology, data analytics and other areas through

the state’s universities, colleges and community colleges. The certificates are available on the online learning platform Coursera, which equips workers with skills in three to six months, with no degree or experience required. Connecticut is the first state to offer Google Career Certificates in the state colleges and universi-

ties system. It’s now available to all community colleges and career and technical education high schools across the nation. Google is working with Connecticut State Colleges and Universities to bring the Google Career Certificate to all 12 community colleges, said Ruth Porat, chief financial officer at Alphabet, Google’s parent company. “When you look at exciting jobs today and jobs in the future, they

require digital skills training,” she said at a presentation at Middlesex Community College in Middletown that brought together Gov. Ned Lamont, U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy and U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, Connecticut’s former education commissioner. About 10 million jobs are available in the U.S. and many require some form of digital skills training, Porat said. Initially, Google focused on

information technology support jobs to bring workers into the tech company, but then created the certificate program, “a credential, something people can take with them,” she said. Terrence Cheng, president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, said four-credit courses in the Google suite of lessons will be offered beginning next year.

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Goodspeed’s ‘Cabaret’ to kick off ’22 return to full-scale musicals

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The Goodspeed Opera House expects to be back at full strength next season, with full productions of the lively musicals “Cabaret,” “Anne of Green Gables” and “42nd Street” on its stage.

After a year of outdoor concert-style shows, then a cautious return to live indoor entertainment with a scaled-down four-person revue, Goodspeed Musicals announced Thursday that it intends to return to a regular schedule of full productions of three musicals for 2022 — plus a new Christmas show.

The season will consist of:
■ “Cabaret,” May 13 through July 3. The John Kander and Fred Ebb musical about the decadent club scene in Berlin in the years leading up to World War II will be directed by California-based director James Vásquez, who directed a reading of the musical-in-progress “Harmony Kansas” for the Goodspeed Festival of New Musicals in 2012.

■ The long-awaited new musical based on the classic children’s book “Anne of Green Gables,” with book and lyrics by Matte O’Brien and music by Matt Vinson, was previously announced for the 2020 and 2021 seasons. It will be directed by Goodspeed stalwart Jenn Thompson (“Bye Bye Birdie,” “Oklahoma,” “The Music Man”). “Anne of Green Gables,” which has been described as a “folk rock musical,” will run from July 15 to Sept. 4.

■ “42nd Street,” the tap-happy musical (based on the 1933 Busby Berkeley film) about the making of a Broadway musical, ends the regular season Sept. 16 through Nov. 6. Randy Skinner, who was involved with the 2001 Broadway revival of the show, will both direct and choreograph the Goodspeed production. Skinner previously worked at the Goodspeed in the late 1990s and early 2000s as the choreographer for “Lucky in the Rain,” “George M!” and “Babes in



“A Grand Night for Singing” is currently playing at the Goodspeed Opera House through Nov. 28. The Goodspeed has announced its 2022 season, which returns to a schedule of three full musical theater productions, plus a holiday show. **DIANE SOBOLEWSKI/COURTESY**

Arms.”

■ A new winter holiday show, which is still being negotiated so not even the title has been released. The season announcement bills it as “a Goodspeed original.” It will run Nov. 18 through Dec. 30. The show will be an add-on option to a Goodspeed season subscription.

The Goodspeed has staged “42nd Street” once before, in 2009. It has never done “Cabaret.” “Anne of Green Gables” is considered a world premiere production but has been in development for years and has even released a soundtrack album.

The 2022 season will be the first full indoor season at the Goodspeed Opera House to be overseen by the current leadership team of artistic director Donna Lynn Hilton and managing director David Byrd. Hilton and Byrd began in those positions at the beginning of this year, following the retirement of Michael Gennaro, who had been the theater’s executive director from 2015 through 2020.

The 2022 season list is also notable for what’s not on it: “South Pacific,” the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic that was about to start rehearsals in March 2020 just as COVID-19 hit Connecticut. As the pandemic lengthened, the Good-

speed issued numerous revised schedules, all of which had “South Pacific” on it.

Also not happening next year: any shows at Goodspeed Musicals’ other venue, the Norma Terris Theater in Chester, where the company typically develops new musicals.

The 2021 Goodspeed season ended up consisting of several outdoor productions, a mix of concerts and small musical theater works in progress in a large tent outdoors in the Goodspeed Opera House parking lot. The final show of that season was the first show to happen inside the Goodspeed Opera House since the Festival of New Musicals in January 2020.

“A Grand Night for Singing,” which is still being performed through Nov. 28, is a four-person revue of Rodgers & Hammerstein songs directed by Rob Ruggiero, who’d planned to helm “South Pacific” that season instead.

Season subscription tickets, which start at \$108 for the three musicals, will go on sale Nov. 10 through the Goodspeed box office (860-873-8668). Single-ticket sales will begin March 13, 2022.

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Police: Man broke into ex’s home, pistol-whipped her and shot male companion

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A convicted felon who police say went into an ex-girlfriend’s Newton home, pistol-whipped her and a male companion, and then shot the man was arrested Thursday on home invasion and other charges.

Jason Jamaal Haynes was arrested at Superior Court in Hartford, where he was appearing in an unrelated case. His other charges include first-degree assault; second-degree assault with a firearm; criminal possession of a firearm; unlawful discharge of a firearm and violating a restraining order, police said.

He also was charged with three counts of risk of injury to a minor

because three children were in the home at the time of the incident. They were not physically harmed, police said.

Haynes was in custody Friday on \$975,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in Superior Court in New Britain later in the day.

The attack happened on Oct. 10, police said. The male victim “sustained a life-altering injury” from the assault, they said.

Haynes is a convicted felon who is prohibited from possessing a firearm, police said. He also was not supposed to have contact with the woman because of a restraining order.

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NEW BRITAIN

Officer injured in on-duty crash

A New Britain police officer was seriously injured in a crash Friday morning, said a spokeswoman for Mayor Erin Stewart.

The collision happened about 7 a.m. at Chestnut Street and the Harry S. Truman Overpass when he was responding to an emergency call. He had his emergency lights and siren on and was struck by another vehicle, said Rachel Zaniewski, public affairs specialist.

The officer was taken to an area hospital, as was the other vehicle’s driver. Police said the other driver’s injuries were minor, according to Zaniewski.

The police department’s Traffic Safety Bureau is investigating the crash, she said. Any witnesses are asked to call 860-826-3071.

— Christine Dempsey

Google

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After completing the program, graduates can share their resumes with a consortium of more than 150 companies, including Infosys, Verizon, Walmart, Wayfair and Google. Infosys has pledged to hire 250 program graduates at its Hartford location, according to Google and the state.

CSCU will partner with the Office of Workforce Strategy to help initially subsidize these programs for students and job seekers.

Lamont said as many as 70,000 jobs are unfilled in Connecticut, but the state Department of Labor said the number can be tens of thousands more. The COVID-19 pandemic scrambled labor markets as many businesses shut and workers drifted away, finding

other opportunities and not returning when the businesses reopened.

As a result, labor economists say a skills mismatch has plagued the U.S. labor force for months. Employers in businesses as diverse as supermarkets and manufacturers are scrambling to find employees.

Information is available at ct.edu/google.

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Virus

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Hospitalizations: Connecticut reported 190 hospitalizations Friday, a decrease of one individual since Thursday. The last time hospitalizations in the state were that low was on Aug. 8, when they were recorded at 174.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

Deaths: Connecticut on Thursday reported 30 COVID-19 deaths over the past week,

bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,751.

The United States has now recorded 743,757 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations: As of Friday, 78.9% of all Connecticut residents and 90.5% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 70.6% of all residents and 81% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

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Bats

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Little brown and tri-colored bats also have taken hard hits.

Much research has been done on treatments of the disease and preventive measures, but the coronavirus pandemic has put a hold on studies that require handling bats due to concerns that the virus could be transmitted from humans to the animals, Fraser said.

Bats likely are not susceptible to the virus, she said, but biologists are not certain. The world’s only mammal capable of true flight “has so many conservation challenges,” Fraser said, “that we can’t afford to get it wrong.”

All species affected by white-nose syndrome in Connecticut, except the big brown bat, are listed as endangered in the state, according to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The decline of the northern long-eared bat has been so severe it was listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as federally threatened. The Indiana bat, federally listed since 1967, was on the brink of recovery, but the fungal disease has sent the species into serious decline.

Researchers in Connecticut have been studying bats using acoustic monitors, both fixed monitors placed at the mouths of caves and mines and equipment attached to vehicles. Listening for the bats’ calls helps scientists and volunteers track species and numbers, Fraser said, but she and other biologists would like to get back to the valuable work of attaching radio transmitters and other hands-on work.

Bats are beneficial — the greatest predator of night flying insects. A single colony of big brown bats, for example, can eat roughly 1.3 million insects in a year — about 9,000 insects per bat. The value of this insect control to U.S. agriculture averages \$22.9 billion annually.

“Halloween is a great time to dispel myths about bats,” DEEP wildlife division director Jenny Dickson said. “Rather than harbingers of doom, bats are crucial for healthy ecosystems and provide tremendous economic benefits to agriculture and forestry by controlling insects.”

Bats shelter in quarries, mines,

aqueducts, barns and other buildings, and of course, caves. Connecticut has relatively few caves and people with a variety of motives have intruded on those underground sanctuaries, Fraser said. In one Western Connecticut cave near a hiking trail, the land trust property owner monitored entries and found people were drinking and partying in the cave at all hours, she said.

Since 2017, however, DEEP has worked to secure cave and mine entrances with heavy gates that allow bats to come and go while preventing human access, Fraser said.

Some bat facts:

■ Bats are not flying mice; they are actually more closely related to primates.

■ Bats do not try to get caught in people’s hair; they are adept fliers. Bats that fly near people are after mosquitos, moths and other insects.

■ Bats are not blind; they have good eyesight but rely on echolocation to navigate at night.

■ Bats are not filthy or covered in parasites; healthy wings are essential for flight, so bats take care in grooming themselves.

■ There are over 1,400 species of bats in the world and only three are known as vampire bats. These three species are only found in Latin America and act as parasites of birds and cattle.

■ The best estimate is that less than 1% of bats in the U.S. are infected with rabies, Fraser said.

“Learning more about bats and the important role they play in healthy ecosystems would be a great Halloween ‘treat’ for this troubled and misunderstood group of animals,” Dickson said. “Knowing why bats matter is an important part of efforts to halt the devastation caused by white-nose syndrome.”

Connecticut residents can help conserve the state’s bat population by protecting hibernation and roosting sites, reducing pesticide use, installing bat houses in their yards and reporting bats seen outside in the winter to deep.batprogram@ct.gov, or call 860-424-3011. Be sure to include the date, location and any digital photos of the bat.

For more information about the state’s bats, visit portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Wildlife/Learn-About-Wildlife/Bats-in-Connecticut.

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Hibernating bats have been in severe decline since 2006 due to a cold-loving fungus that thrives in caves and mines. **PAUL FUSCO/DEEP**



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Two teens sought in Hamden carjacking

Police say they held man, 36, at gunpoint outside grocery store

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A man was carjacked in broad daylight by armed teenagers after he left a Hamden grocery store this week, police said, one in a series of violent car crimes that are plaguing the state.

The holdup happened about 10 a.m. Tuesday after the 36-year-old left Save-A-Lot, 1125 Dixwell Ave., they said.

Two male teenagers approached the man at his car, one grabbing a hold of him while the other pointed a handgun at him, police said. They forcibly took his keys and stole the car.

They didn't get far. Police said their initial investigation shows that the pair drove through a red light at the parking lot exit, causing a three-car crash on Dixwell Avenue. Someone in one of the other cars had minor injuries from the collision.

The robbers ran away, abandoning the stolen car, police said. They were described as thin and 5 foot 8 to 5 foot 10. Both wore all black clothing and black facial masks.

Anyone with information about the carjacking is asked to call Det. Mark Sheppard of the Major Crimes Division at 203-230-4047. Callers may remain anonymous, police said.

A more violent carjacking took place 37 miles away in the small town of Marlborough Sept. 11. In that incident, two armed thieves attacked a 64-year-old woman outside a supermarket around 7 p.m. as she was getting into her car, demanding money. They threw her into the back seat, put a bag over her head and beat her with a hard object, state police said.

They then kidnapped her, used her ATM card to get cash in East Hartford and drove to Berlin, where they threw the woman out of the car and torched it, police said. The woman, who didn't know the robbers, survived and is recovering.

There have been no arrests in that case, and the state police said they were not authorized to release any updates about the investigation Thursday.

The carjackings are part of a series of recent car-related crimes, many believed to have been committed by juveniles, which included a man being shot in the thigh when he confronted thieves outside his home in Hartford and a woman being pulled out of her Porsche outside a Rocky Hill bakery on a Saturday afternoon.

It wasn't clear Friday morning if any of the carjackings are related.

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About two dozen housekeeping and service staff from the Hilton Hartford called on hotel management to add back housekeeping services and restore union jobs on Thursday. COURANT PHOTO

Union calls on Hilton to reinstate daily cleanings

Eager to get back to work, protesters want their jobs restored

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Unionized employees from the Hilton Hartford want the downtown hotel to restore daily housekeeping and reopen the facility's restaurant and bar.

"We see guests paying similar prices to those they paid before the pandemic, but the service is reduced, fewer workers work, and those who do work harder for the same pay," said Josh Stanley, secretary and treasurer of Local 217, the branch of Unite Here, a labor union that represents hospitality workers.

A group of about two dozen housekeeping and service staff from the Hilton Hartford gathered outside the building Thursday evening to call on hotel management to add back the services — and restore union jobs in the process.

The protest was one of several led by hospitality labor union Unite Here happening across 30 cities Thursday, including at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich and the Madison Beach Hotel. Hilton housekeeping workers, who are represented by Unite Here, said they've remained unemployed or underemployed despite hotel capacity inching back toward pre-pandemic levels.

Union representatives contend that the end of daily housekeeping and continued closure is an effort to reduce customer expectations while reducing labor costs.

Hilton ended automatic daily housekeeping at all non-luxury hotel brands during the pandemic and made the policy permanent

this summer. Now rooms are cleaned every five days during longer stays and upon guest checkout.

Guests still have the option of receiving daily cleaning upon request.

"Our guests have told us that they have varying levels of comfort with someone entering their rooms after they have checked in," Hilton said in a statement announcing the policy.

"We encourage our guests to call the front desk to request room cleaning, and our team members stand ready to assist with extra towels or amenities," the statement reads.

But guests at the 392-room Hartford Hilton requesting daily service may have to wait longer than usual. Housekeeping staff has gone down from about 46 people to about 32, according to Diana St. Mark, a union representative from Local 217.

Desire Franqui, who has been a housekeeper for three years, said her weekly hours have decreased from 40 to just eight. Her one weekly shift is busier than before: she's gone from being responsible for 15 rooms between checkouts and daily cleanings to 13 checkouts, which take longer to complete.

In the absence of daily cleaning, Franqui and other staff said they also receive rooms in much worse condition. They described walking into rooms with filthy toilets, dirty linens and food garbage left behind by guests unable to use the closed hotel restaurant.

"We clean the occupied rooms, we have to do deep cleaning, so it takes us more time to clean them. And they still want us to do the same amount of rooms in the eight-hour period," Franqui said.

Jobs in the hospitality industry are known for their high turnover

rates, but that's not the case for union jobs. Many of the workers present on Thursday have been with Hilton Hartford for several years.

Only 2.8% of hospitality workers in the country were represented by unions as of 2020, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's down from 3.5% in the years preceding the pandemic.

Franqui still wants to stay with the hotel, adding that her husband took on a second job so they could continue to support their two children, 7 and 8 years old. Other workers expressed their eagerness to get back to work, or take on more hours.

The pandemic has taken a heavy toll on the financial health of the hospitality industry, particularly larger hotels that rely on large conventions and business travel. The Waterford Group, which owns and manages the Hilton, is considering converting part of the hotel into housing after attempting to sell last year, The Courant reported in September.

The new policy isn't the product of a beleaguered individual hotel enacting cost-cutting measures. It follows an industry trend of hospitality groups rethinking cleaning procedure, highlighting a rift between union leaders and management nationwide.

San Francisco County passed an ordinance requiring daily cleaning of hotel guest rooms last August, a measure supported by local Unite Here leaders but criticized by the local hotel council, Travel Weekly reported.

A similar measure passed on Las Vegas, garnering the support of Nevada's Culinary Union, which represents about 60,000 hospitality and food service workers.

Wife faces charges in \$600,000 fraud plot

Allegedly convinced her husband he had Alzheimer's disease

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

A woman was arrested for defrauding her husband of \$600,000 and convincing him that he had Alzheimer's disease to hide her activity, East Haven police said.

Over the course of 20 years, Donna Marino, 63, of West Haven, allegedly forged her husband's signature on pension and social security checks, legal documents and settlements.

Marino turned herself in to police on Wednesday and was charged with first-degree larceny and third-degree forgery. She was held on a \$25,000 bond and appeared in a New Haven court Thursday.

The victim, who police said is in his 70s, told police that Marino controlled his finances throughout their time together and that he was unaware of wrongdoing until March 2019. Police said the matter was brought to the victim's attention by concerned family members who discovered discrepancies when they sifted through his personal documents.

Police said Marino also fraudulently obtained power of attorney status for her husband, which grants one the power to act on another person's behalf in legal or financial matters. Marino had a friend, who is a notary public, sign the document in the husband's absence.

The victim filed two complaints to the East Haven police department on March 8, 2020. In a months-long investigation, police determined Marino forged her husband's signature to place various payments in a secret bank account.

Using her power of attorney status, Marino also fraudulently filed taxes in her husband's name, police said.

The investigation also revealed Marino sold some of her husband's jewelry and rare coins without his knowledge, police said.

Police said Marino told investigators she was able to hide her activity for years in part by convincing her husband that he had Alzheimer's, suggesting she believed it would dissuade him from going to the bank and discovering irregularities or unusually low account balances.

Police did not say whether they are pursuing charges against Marino's friend, the notary public who police say fraudulently granted her power of attorney.

The victim has filed for divorce from Marino, court records show.

First-degree larceny is a class B felony and can result in a prison sentence of one to 40 years and fines of up to \$15,000. Third-degree forgery is a class B misdemeanor and can result in up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

Police: Spit, racial slurs fly after customer asked to adjust face mask

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A man who police said spit at and hurled racial insults at an employee in a Southington liquor store in April because the person asked him to adjust his face mask has been arrested on a bias charge.

Daniel Henderson, 57, of Mt. Vernon Road in Southington, was

arrested on a warrant Wednesday charging him with second-degree intimidation based on bigotry or bias, a Class D felony, and second-degree breach of peace, a Class B misdemeanor. He was released on a promise to appear in Superior Court in New Britain Nov. 10.

According to police, the confrontation happened in Lefty's Package

Store, 1207 South Main St., in the Plantsville section of Southington April 9. Henderson wasn't properly wearing his mask when he came into the store, and got upset when the employee asked him to adjust it.

Based on employee and witness accounts, police said, "Henderson then spit towards the victim, used racial slurs towards him, and threatened to damage the prop-

erty before exiting." Police said the worker was listed as a "non-Hispanic Indian."

Henderson said in a telephone interview Friday that he cursed at the man but did not use a racial slur. He swore because the employee said, "If I have to wear a mask, you do," and kicked him out of the store, throwing his credit card at him, Henderson said. He also said

the man followed him out of the store and pushed him as he was getting back into his car, causing him to fall to the ground.

Henderson was located by Meriden police Wednesday and arrested on Southington's warrant, police said.

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CELEBRITIES



Zayn Malik was accused of harassing Yolanda Hadid, center, and Gigi Hadid. AP PHOTOS

Malik pleads no contest to harassment

From news services

Musician Zayn Malik has pleaded no contest to charges that he harassed his girlfriend — super-model Gigi Hadid — and her reality TV star mother during a violent Sept. 29 argument at the family’s home outside Philadelphia.

The former One Direction singer was accused of grabbing Yolanda Hadid and shoving her against a dresser, according to court documents. Malik engaged in “continuous cursing” at Yolanda Hadid, the documents said, calling her an “(expletive) Dutch slut” and telling her to stay away from his daughter.

Malik, 28, also told Gigi Hadid to “defend your partner against your (expletive) mother in my house,” according to charging documents. He also tried to fight a man, whom TMZ identified as a security guard, who was also at the house, the documents said.

Malik entered a plea to four summary counts of harassment Wednesday. The plea means that Malik refused to admit guilt but accepted the punishment.

A judge sentenced him to 90 days of probation on each count, or nearly a year total. He must complete an anger management class, and be screened for and

“if approved,” complete a domestic violence program. He was ordered to have no contact with Yolanda Hadid or the man.

Malik addressed the charges on Twitter, writing that he “agreed to not contest claims arising from an argument I had with a family member of my partner’s who entered our home while my partner was away several weeks ago.” He complained the case had been leaked to the media and called it a “private matter.”

Malik and Gigi Hadid, 26, have a daughter, 1, together. On Thursday, People magazine reported the couple have broken up after dating on and off since 2015.

Rapper Fetty Wap arrested: Rapper Fetty Wap was charged Friday with participating in a conspiracy to smuggle large amounts of heroin, fentanyl and other drugs into the New York City region.

The rapper, whose real name is Willie Maxwell, was arrested Thursday. An indictment unsealed Friday named Maxwell and five other defendants, including a New Jersey corrections officer.

The indictment charges Maxwell and his co-defendants with conspiracy to possess and distrib-

ute more than 100 kilograms, approximately 220 pounds, of heroin, fentanyl and crack cocaine between June 2019 and June 2020.

Maxwell, 30, rose to prominence after his single “Trap Queen” reached No. 2 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart in 2015.

Actor Puneeth Rajkumar dies: Puneeth Rajkumar, 46, a star of southern Indian regional cinema, died Friday after a massive heart attack, a hospital said.

Rajkumar was a lead actor in 29 movies and also appeared on television. He was the son of Rajkumar, the biggest movie star in southern India. After acting as a child in several movies, he debuted as a lead actor in the 2002 movie, “Appu.”

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that future generations will remember him fondly for his work and wonderful personality.

Oct. 30 birthdays: Singer Grace Slick is 82. Singer Otis Williams is 80. Actor Henry Winkler is 76. Journalist Andrea Mitchell is 75. Actor Harry Hamlin is 70. Actor Kevin Pollak is 64. Actor Michael Beach is 58. Actor Nia Long is 51. Actor Matthew Morrison is 43. Actor Janel Parrish is 33. Actor Tequan Richmond is 29.



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In-home visits may not be strictly business

Dear Amy: My neighbor “Sharon” and her husband “Stan” have been married for over 30 years and have two grown children. During the pandemic, Stan has mostly been working from home. His office is an hour away.

“Jocelyn,” his business partner of 25 years, has become close to the family over the years. Sharon tells me that Jocelyn occasionally spends the night at their house when there is an upcoming business meeting in our area, since she lives quite a distance away. They all seem to enjoy one another’s company.

We live in narrow, connected townhouses, so we often see each other’s comings and goings.

A few times each year, Sharon goes out of town for the weekend. Several times, when Sharon has left town, I have observed Jocelyn showing up within minutes of Sharon’s departure.

It almost seems as though she has been waiting around for Sharon to leave! Three or four hours later, she will emerge from the house and drive away.

Stan walks her to her car and makes some kind of loud pronouncement, like, “Well, now I have to get ready for my next meeting.” He sounds awkward, as if the declaration is for others’ benefit.

Today my husband was sitting on our porch, so he witnessed this theater.

We then discussed whether or not they might be having an affair.

My husband said that maybe Stan realizes that this looks incriminating, and he’s overcompensating for our sake.

Or maybe he is having an affair.

I have kept my mouth shut for a few years now, but I would feel terrible if my suspicions turned out to be true. Should I say something to Sharon, and if so, what could I say that would not cause harm? Or should I accept that this is none of my business?

— *Too Close for Comfort*

Dear Too Close: “Sharon” has already told you that “Jocelyn” is an occasional presence in their home. As her husband’s long-time business partner, you might assume that if suspicions were to be had, Sharon would have already had them.

You should not draw any further conclusions.

The next time Jocelyn comes around, and “Stan” makes his overly loud pronouncement, you and your husband should give a hearty wave, introduce yourselves to Jocelyn and put Stan out of his awkward misery.

Dear Amy: Many new coffee shops and other small businesses have non-gender specific bathrooms these days.

Assuming that half of the customers are men and half are women, should occupants put the toilet seat up or down after using it because they don’t know the gender of the next occupant?

I get yelled at when I’m at home if I leave the toilet seat up, because I’m the only man in the house.

— *Got to go in L.A.*

Dear Got to Go: It is most considerate to treat a public restroom with the same forethought toward

the next user as you would treat your bathroom at home.

Men as well as women do sit on the toilet. Falling into the basin because the seat is raised is a definite safety hazard for the next user.

Because you don’t know the purpose and necessary positioning of the next person into the loo (male or female), it seems wisest to always leave the seat down when you exit.

I’ll be happy to take an informal poll of readers who email me on this topic, and report on the results in a future column.

Dear Amy: Every time I see someone in your column comment on the damage that will be done to someone who sleeps with their stuffed animal or blanket into adulthood, I chuckle.

I was given a stuffed puppy for my first birthday, and that puppy went all the way to Vietnam with me 17 years later. It was with me through most of my adult life. He was finally replaced 20 years ago with a similar puppy that is with me to this day.

Yes, I am happily married, and my wife understands and supports the attachment I have to needing something tucked under my arm at night.

I was a successful businessman, now retired, and at 68, I can tell you, it never caused me any problems.

— *Glenn*

Dear Glenn: Real men love movies!

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MUSIC RECORDING

Coldplay get galactic with airy ‘Music of the Spheres’

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

The last time Coldplay put out an album, it was like a warm embrace of Earth. This time, the British foursome has gone bigger — cosmically bigger.

“Music of the Spheres” is a spacy 12-track collection with waves of synth and airy melodies. The track “Infinity Sign” sounds like it was created inside a starburst, and “Biutyful” is a hit of ecstasy in musical form. This is an album that should be playing as astronauts gather on a slowly spinning space station for a galactic rave.

“It is a bit grander in its sound,” says lead singer Chris Martin. “The songs come first, but the picture frame of the title of ‘Music of the Spheres’ sort of easily said which songs might fit within it. But you’re always at the mercy of what songs decide to show up.”

The seeds to the new album were sown years ago, when the British band was finishing up their tour for “A Head Full of Dreams.” The pandemic scrambled their plans, leading to their last album, “Everyday Life,” a dense and complex work with words spoken or sung in Arabic, Spanish, Zulu and Igbo.

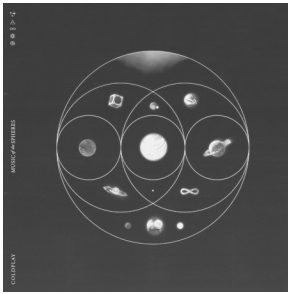
It was as introspective about humanity as the new one is lofty.

This time, the band teamed up with super-producer Max Martin, whom they credit with a less-is-more approach. He helped the songs breathe for a band known for rich orchestrations.

Five of the album’s 12 songs use emojis as titles, and it has what every successful album needs these days — namely, a collaboration with BTS,



Coldplay’s Chris Martin performs in 2017 at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. “Music of the Spheres” (Parlophone) is the band’s latest studio album. SCOTT ROTH/INVISION



“My Universe.” There’s also the breakup song “Let Somebody Go” — with Selena Gomez — that is forgiving and loving.

Martin kept it a family affair, with writing credit on the Gomez song from daughter Apple Martin, who also supplies the intro to “Higher Power.” Son Moses Martin is credited with chorus vocals on “Humankind.”

“Apple gave me this amazing chord that I’d never thought of. So she’s on there,” Martin says. And he may be biased but he considers Moses a very talented singer. “So I often ask him to just come and make choruses sound better.”

The album ends with the 10-minute-plus “Coloratura,” a multi-suite voyage into the cosmos that’s a kind of flex from the band and represents a departure.

Coldplay aren’t the only artists to tap into the heavens in recent years, with Nick Jonas releasing “Spaceman,” Beck’s “Hyperspace” and Masked Wolf’s “Astronaut in the Ocean.”

For Coldplay, using space offers them a chance to talk about ending man-made demarcations. From space, they note, the Earth is just water, mountains and trees.

Martin notes that for all the spaciness, it’s still a Coldplay collection — optimistic and hopeful. Talking about planets is a canvas to be talking about being human.

“It’s really another record about life as a human person, but given this freedom that comes when you pretend it’s about other creatures in other places,” he says.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): The idea of getting some advice on sorting out difficult issues, possibly involving shared money or property, could be quite enticing at the moment. The thoughts of others, however, might not be helpful in the end. Rely on your own judgment.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Standing up for yourself in a relationship with someone who has power over you, like a parent or a mentor, could be hard for you now. You may feel like coming up with just the right argument to get them to back off is a lot of work. If nothing works, maybe the problem isn’t you!

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You may be interested in getting organized at home, but the idea of having to stick to a rigid plan could discourage you. Remember that decluttering gurus are just individuals who found what worked for them! You might have more room than you think to blaze your own trail.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You may have an intense urge to express yourself, one that might have been building for a while. If you’re resentful about having held back in the past, do your best not to take it out on whoever you finally talk to now. Your issues may include problems they didn’t cause.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): The stresses of living together may weigh on one of your relationships today. If it’s obvious that spending a little extra money would fix something that’s bothering you, doing so is probably worthwhile — especially if you’ve been considering this for some time! You may now be better equipped.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The desire to connect with the people around you could conflict with your feelings of obligation to any responsibilities today. The more resentful you feel about your chores blocking you from fun, though, the more time it might take you to get them done. Power through!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The drive to make more money may motivate you to utilize something other than your usual income source right now. Still, be sure that you’re taking risks out of calculation rather than desperation! You might also be seeing your existing financial picture in a gloomier light.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Showing a more assertive side in your social life might bring you a new opportunity today! You may worry that pursuing the offer could lead you away from other things that you rely on for feelings of security, but holding back can threaten your security in its own way.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have discovered an interesting secret, but not being able to share it could be hard. You might have noticed a situation where others would obviously find it clarifying to know. Respect someone else’s need for confidentiality; work behind the scenes to convince them to open up.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Tempers may run high today, as people in your social circle could get riled up over a contentious issue in the news. You might think that you help by adding some relevant facts and figures to the discussion, but you could wind up disappointed. People aren’t that interested.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): With great power comes great responsibility — but you could be feeling especially weighed down. Though your ambition may be higher than ever, you might need to maintain a rational idea of what’s really sustainable for you as you consider expanding your authority.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Catching up on your reading list may not be particularly relaxing today, as you might come across something that reminds you of an upsetting problem in your own life. Fortunately, this could give you the words to talk to someone about what’s bothering you.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Oct. 30, 1921, the silent film classic “The Sheik” premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1938, the radio play “The War of the Worlds,” starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS.

In 1945, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing, effective at midnight.

In 1972, 45 people were killed when an Illinois Central Gulf commuter train was struck from behind by another train on Chicago’s South Side.

In 1974, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round

of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, known as the “Rumble in the Jungle,” to regain his world heavyweight title.

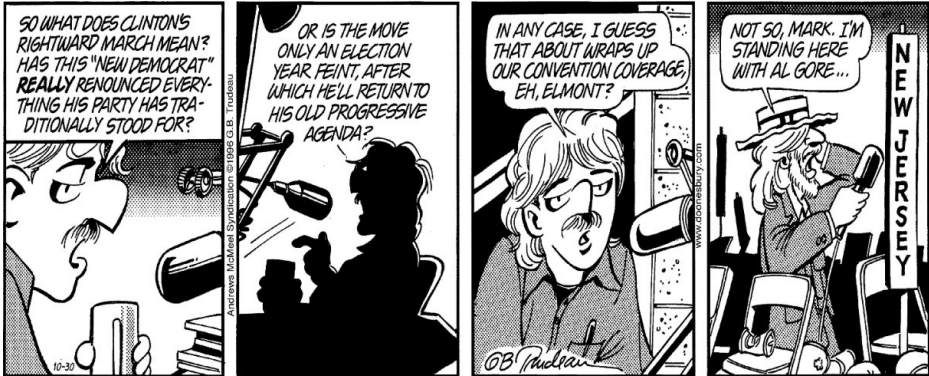
In 2001, Ukraine destroyed its last nuclear missile silo.

In 2002, Jam Master Jay (Jason Mizell), a rapper with the hip-hop group Run-DMC, was killed in a shooting in New York. He was 37.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Garfield By Jim Davis



Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly



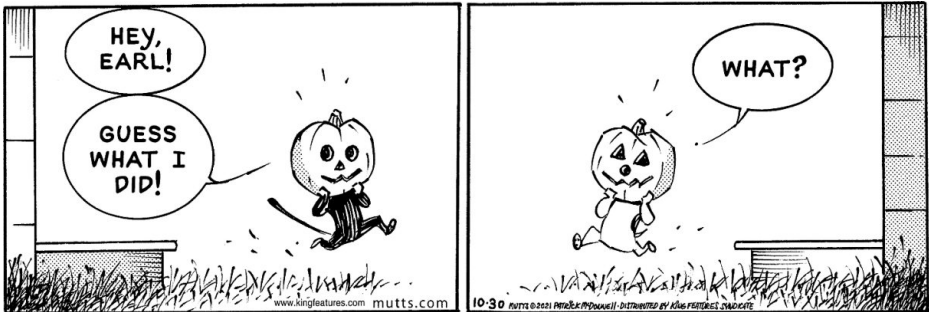
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Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



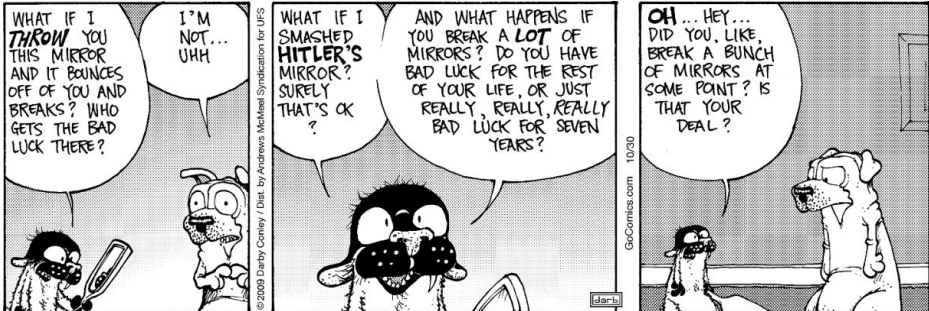
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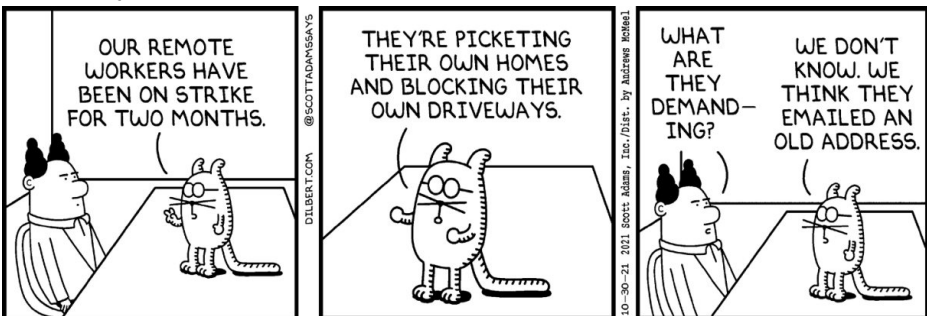
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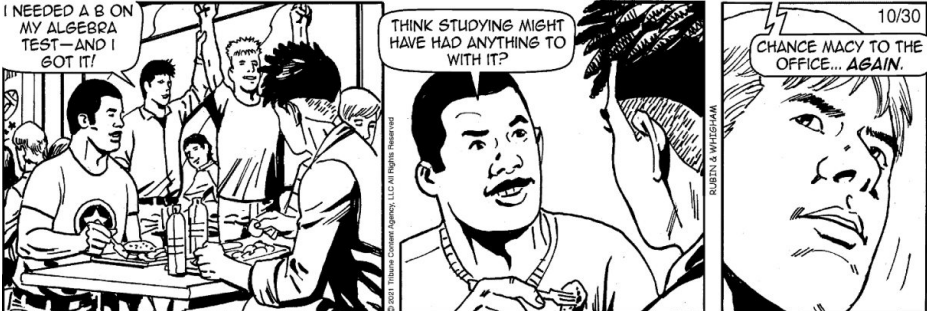
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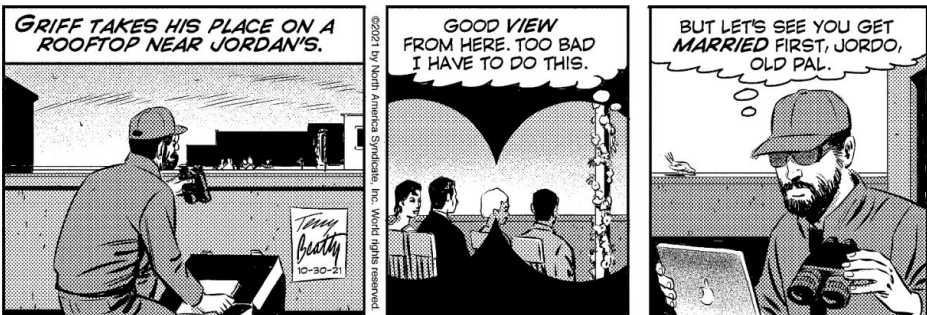
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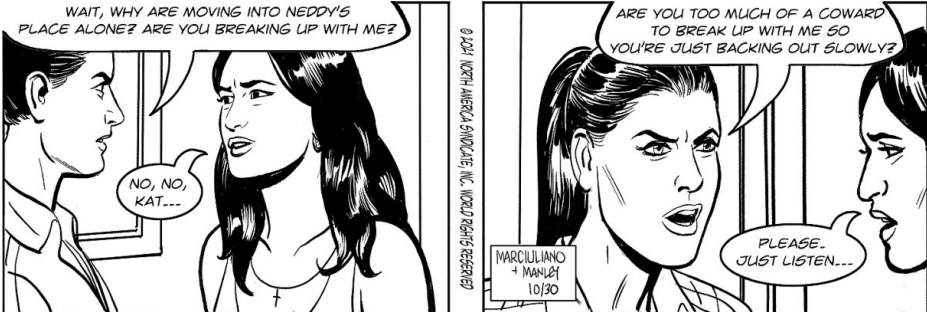
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Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty



Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley



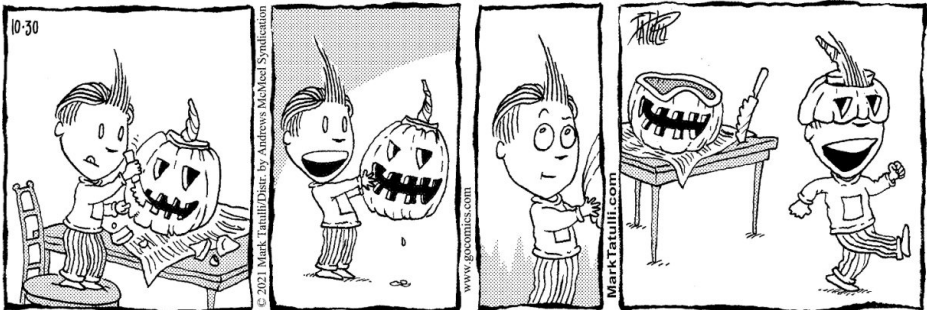
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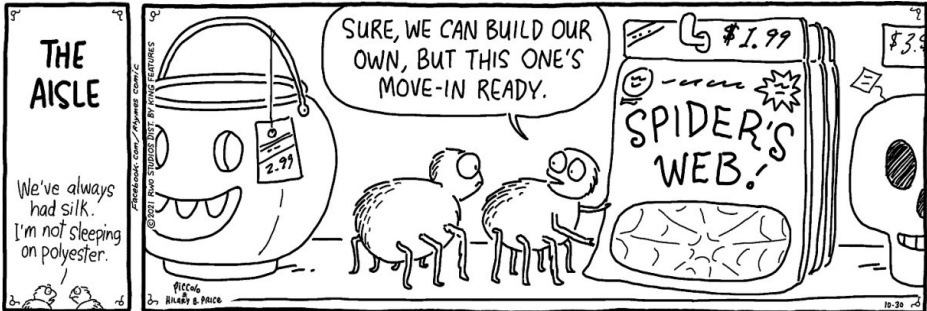
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UCONN FOOTBALL

School may join in conference realignment talk

UConn confirms it is exploring possibility of going to Conference USA as football-only member

By **Alexa Philippou**
Hartford Courant

UConn has been in talks to explore the possibility of joining Conference USA as a football-only member, the school confirmed to The Courant on Friday morning.

The Athletic first reported Thursday night that UConn was among three other schools “in negotiations” to join the league. Through a spokesperson, UConn director of athletics David Benedict confirmed the conversations but didn’t go as far to call them “negotiations.”

“While I have had conversations with Conference USA officials, characterizing these interactions as negotiations is an overstatement,” Benedict said in the state-

ment. “I will always do what I think is in the best interest of UConn and I am open to having conversations with anyone in an effort to position us for long-term success.”

The other two schools included in the talks were New Mexico State and Liberty, both independents.

UConn has been independent since 2020 when the school rejoined the Big East, where football is not a sponsored sport. Following the midseason departure of Randy Edsall, the program

is in the midst of looking for a new head coach.

Throughout the current wave of conference realignment, C-USA saw six schools bolt for the American Athletic Conference and two (soon potentially three) more for the Sun Belt, possibly leaving the league with just five members: Florida International, Louisiana Tech, Middle Tennessee, Western Kentucky and UTEP.

Finding a conference for UConn football could be enticing as it

could give the program a bowl tie-in. The Huskies’ schedule is mostly set through 2025, and they have a TV deal with CBS Sports through 2023.

Now led by interim head coach Lou Spanos, the Huskies are 1-8, their sole win over Yale coming earlier this month. They return to the gridiron in two weeks when they meet Clemson on the road.

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KNICKS

Walker’s knee maintenance is an all-day commitment

By **Stefan Bondy**
New York Daily News

CHICAGO — So far, so good for Kemba Walker’s knee.

The point guard glowed about his health after a second straight solid shooting performance Thursday, feeling positive about the round-the-clock maintenance performed on the arthritic knee that sabotaged his last season and sent him to the waiver wires.

“This is the best I’ve felt in a very long time,” Walker said. “My days consist of me taking care of myself. I don’t mean that when I’m in the facility with the trainers. I mean that when I’m home. When I’m in my room I’m taking care of my knee.”

“That’s like my whole day. There’s a lot of preparation leading up to these games for me. Especially during these days.”

To be clear, Walker hasn’t been exploding to the rim and finishing like his UConn and Hornets peak. But he’s nailing treys at a ridiculous 58% clip after five games, serving as a key to victories over the Sixers and Bulls after a rocky start.

He’s also splitting time at point guard with Derrick Rose, which will likely take Walker out of the running for All-Star consideration but can help preserve his body.

“I’m a little older now,” Walker, 31, said. “Obviously because my situation’s different (from in his 20s). Back then you just get up, not stretch and play a game. But as you get older, things change. I’ve been through a lot. I’ve played tons of basketball, a lot, a lot of basketball. So it’s different now.”

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The Knicks’ Kemba Walker reacts to a play during the second half against the 76ers on Tuesday in New York. The Knicks won 112-99. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

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RJ Barrett lacks Zion Williamson’s star power, but he’s always on the court. **Page 4**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Coginchaug’s Austin Cuthbertson is stopped by the Rockville defense on a punt return during Friday’s game at Rockville High School in Vernon. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Meeting higher expectations

Rockville moves to 5-1 with rout of co-op

By **Lori Riley**
Hartford Courant

VERNON — The Rockville High football team has come a long way since its first game when it was shut out by SMSA.

Friday night, the Rams won their

fifth straight, a 42-6 victory over the Coginchaug/Hale Ray/East Hampton co-op team in a Pequot Conference game.

“The expectations really changed from the way our season started to now,” Rockville coach Erick Knickerbocker said.

“We’re building. We had a lot of our guys in quarantine for a good chunk of training camp, 14 days at the end. We had no presea-

son game. Our first regular-season game was canceled. Then we walked on the field and got punched in the mouth. We were not ready to play at all.”

Friday night, the Rams (5-1) were more than ready to play. Rockville senior quarterback Matt Ryan completed his first six passes in the first half and ended up going 13 for 23 for 221 yards, with 141 in the first half. He had three touch-

down passes.

“We had a lot of challenges,” Ryan said. “We just put our heads down and kept going. We wanted to strive for a championship culture. This is step closer to our goal. We got to keep making statements.”

Coginchaug (5-2) lost its second straight game, after losing to

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COMMENTARY

Fallout from Blackhawks scandal furthers overdue reckoning for the NHL

By **Stephen Whyno**
Associated Press

The scandal that rocked the National Hockey League this week began more than a decade ago, and it’s part of a painful, overdue reckoning that has transformed the sport over the past two years.

Gone is Joel Quenneville, the former Hartford Whaler who has won the second-most games of any coach in NHL history. So is Stan Bowman, the general manager of three Stanley Cup-winning teams in Chicago, along with a fellow executive from the Original Six franchise

that is now picking up the pieces from the fallout after being slapped with a \$2 million fine by the league.

Already sidelined are Bill Peters, the coach of the Calgary Flames who resigned in 2019 after it emerged that he made racist remarks to a player while in the minors, and Don Cherry, the once-beloved face and voice of hockey in Canada who was fired for an inappropriate rant about immigrants.

All of this and more has forced the NHL to confront coaching practices and matters of systemic

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KEVIN C. COX/GETTY

ROUNDING OUT

The Braves’ Eddie Rosario comes home to score a run on a hit by Austin Riley against the Astros during the third inning in Game 3 of the World Series on Friday at Truist Park in Atlanta. The game ended too late for this edition. **For coverage, go to courant.com/sports**

Safety Tip of the Day

For Halloween, make sure your children’s costumes are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement, or contact with flames.

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Giants: at Kansas City, Monday, 8:15 p.m.
Jets: Bengals, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Celtics: at Wizards, Saturday, 5 p.m.; Bulls, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; at Magic, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Knicks: at Pelicans, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Raptors, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pacers, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Nets: Pistons, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Hawks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pistons, Friday, 7 p.m.
UConn hockey: at Dartmouth, Saturday, 8 p.m.; at Maine, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Maine, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
Bruins: Panthers, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Red Wings, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Maple Leafs, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
Rangers: at Kraken, Sunday, 9 p.m.; at Canucks, Tuesday, 10 p.m.; at Oilers, Friday, 9 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Charlotte, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Bridgeport, Sunday, 3 p.m.; Bridgeport, Friday, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Pittsburgh, Saturday, 7 p.m.

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BASKETBALL
5 p.m.: Celtics at Wizards. (Live), NBCSB.
7 p.m.: Knicks at Pelicans. (Live), MSG.
7:30 p.m.: Hawks at 76ers. (Live) NBA
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7 p.m.: Ole Miss at Auburn. (Live) ESPN
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7:30 p.m.: Penn State at Ohio State. (Live) ABC
7:30 p.m.: North Carolina at Notre Dame. (Live) NBC
10:15 p.m.: Virginia at BYU. (Live) ESPN2
10:30 p.m.: Fresno State at San Diego State. (Live) CBSSN
10:30 p.m.: Washington at Stanford. (Live) FS1
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1:30 p.m.: Islanders at Predators. (Live) SPRTNET NHL
7 p.m.: Jets at Sharks. (Live) NHL
7 p.m.: Panthers at Bruins. (Live), NESN.
7 p.m.: Charlotte Checkers at Hartford Wolf Pack. (Live), Radio: 1410.
8 p.m.: UConn at Dartmouth. (Live), ESPNPlus.
11:30 p.m.: Oilers at Canucks. (Live) SPRTNET
SOCCER
10 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Manchester City vs Crystal Palace. (Live) NBCSP



Chargers running back Austin Ekeler runs with the ball during the first half of a game against the Browns on Oct. 11 in Inglewood, Calif. GREGORY BULL/AP

PATRIOTS

Chargers RB Ekeler and 14 Pats are questionable for Sunday

By Nicole Yang
Boston Globe

LOS ANGELES — Chargers running back Austin Ekeler did not practice for the second straight day Friday and is officially listed as questionable for Sunday's game against the Patriots. Ekeler was a full participant Wednesday but popped up on the practice report Thursday with a hip injury. The Chargers are coming off their bye week. "He felt a little bit of soreness in his hip [Wednesday]," coach Brandon Staley said Friday. "He felt much better the last two days. We're hopeful that he can play." Staley emphasized that Ekeler practiced well Wednesday. "This guy was flying," said Staley. "He looked incredible. All of his speeds, his workload, just amazing. He had an awesome practice and stayed after practice with [quarterback] Justin [Herbert]." The only other practices Ekeler has missed this season came in Week 1, when he did not participate for two days because of a hamstring issue. He was listed as questionable for the season opener against Kansas City but ended up

playing. In six games, Ekeler has rushed for 356 yards and four touchdowns, averaging 4.9 yards per carry. He also has caught 27 passes for 242 yards and three scores. The Chargers have Joshua Kelley, Justin Jackson, and Larry Roundtree III available if Ekeler cannot go. For the Patriots, 14 players are listed as questionable. Only linebacker Brandon King has been ruled out with a thigh injury. King has been on the field for 80.6 percent of New England's special teams snaps this season. The full list of questionable players: center David Andrews (ankle), linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley (ribs), wide receiver Kendrick Bourne (shoulder), defensive tackle Carl Davis (hand), safety Kyle Dugger (neck), kicker Nick Folk (left knee), nose tackle Davon Godchaux (finger), linebacker Dont'a Hightower (ankle), guard Shaq Mason (abdomen), tight end Jonnu Smith (shoulder), linebacker Josh Uche (shoulder), linebacker Kyle Van Noy (groin), cornerback Shaun Wade (concussion), and defensive end Deatrich Wise Jr. (knee). Bentley, Dugger, Folk, Hightower, Mason, Uche, Van Noy, and Wise all were

questionable last week. Only Hightower did not play. Smith was scheduled to speak to the media Friday but was removed from the schedule, which can sometimes serve as an ominous sign for a player's availability come game day. Smith exited Sunday's win over the Jets with the shoulder injury and did not return. Worth a shot: Wide receiver Nelson Agholor said he and rookie quarterback Mac Jones have been working hard at establishing their connection down the field. "At the end of the day, you run hard and you give yourself a shot," Agholor said. "If you make a play on it, it's an explosive play. If you get that one, then it's a big-time play." Through seven games, Agholor has 19 receptions for 275 yards on a 52.8 percent catch rate. His longest connection with Jones is 30 yards. But Agholor, a viable deep threat, noted the importance of taking those shots, even if they are sometimes unsuccessful. "It opens up the other routes," said Agholor. "When you get people threatened by the vertical, then the intermediate and the quick game gets a little bit of the pressure taken off of it."

GIANTS

Toney could be X-factor against the struggling Chiefs defense

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Giants may get their gamebreaker back for Monday night's clash with the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium. Rookie first-round pick Kadarius Toney returned to practice on Friday and has a chance to suit up against one of the NFL's worst defenses in primetime. "I was able to do enough. Progress," Toney, 22, said of his limited work on an injured right ankle. Jason Garrett and Daniel Jones found a way to beat the Carolina Panthers last Sunday without Toney, Kenny Golladay, Saquon Barkley and Sterling Shepard. But Monday's opponent is a different beast, even with the Chiefs (3-4) struggling. Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes, Tyreek Hill and Travis Kelce will test the limits of Patrick Graham's Giants defense with extended plays, explosive downfield shots and uncommon speed. The Giants (2-5) don't have many answers to keep up with that kind of offense. Toney, however, could be their ace in the hole. He leads the Giants with 317 receiving yards despite having played only 34% of the offensive snaps through seven games. His speed, playmaking and versatility add another dimension to the attack.

HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Kreider helps Rangers beat Blue Jackets 4-0

Staff and wire reports

Chris Kreider scored two power-play goals, Igor Shesterkin stopped 31 shots for his third career shutout and first this season, and the New York Rangers got their first home win with a 4-0 victory over the visiting Columbus Blue Jackets on Friday night at Madison Square Garden. Ryan Strome and Alexis Lafrenière also scored, and Adam Fox and Artemi Panarin each had three assists to help New York get its fifth win in six games. Shesterkin had 12 saves in

the first period, seven in the second and 12 in the third to improve to 4-1-1 with a 1.81 goals-against average. Elvis Merzlikins made 33 saves for Columbus, which lost for the third time in five games and fell to 0-2-0 on the road. Merzlikins came in 4-0-0 with a 1.47 GAA in his first four starts. The Rangers began the third period on a power play that carried over from the second. Kreider took advantage as he deflected a pass from Panarin on the right side past Merzlikins to push the lead to 3-0 at 1:19.

Wolf Pack win shootout

Wolf Pack 3, Penguins 2, SO: At Hartford, Tim Gettinger scored the lone goal in a shootout as Hartford came away with the AHL Atlantic Division win over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at the XL Center. A potential Wolf Pack win in regulation was snapped when Sam Poulin scored with 41 seconds left in the game to tie the score at 2-2. Morgan Barron had given Hartford (4-1-1-0) a 2-1 lead at 13:44 of the final period.

WORLD SERIES NOTES

Pending free agent Freeman wants to stay with Braves

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Braves star Freddie Freeman has made it clear he wants to complete his career in Atlanta. So naturally, he's tried to avoid thoughts that he could be facing his final three home games with the team. Freeman is a pending unrestricted free agent. The 32-year-old first baseman led the Braves into Game 3 of the World Series at Truist Park with the Braves and Houston Astros tied at one game each. "I haven't envisioned playing anywhere else because I haven't gotten to that point yet," Freeman said before Friday night's game. "I've put on this uniform since 2007. I got to put on a Braves uniform with the Gulf Coast League team. It's all I've ever known." **DH debate:** To Dusty Baker, his Astros aren't automatically in trouble because his club loses the designated hitter during the World Series games in Atlanta. Besides, the Houston manager easily found a spot for productive DH Yordan Alvarez in Game 3. Luis Garcia was set to pitch for Houston. He was for 0 for 6 in his career at

the plate. Ian Anderson starts for the Braves and hasn't been a threat with the bat. He's just 2 for 37 with 29 strikeouts and zero RBIs. Baker didn't sound too worried about playing minus the DH. "It could be a disadvantage if the other guy can hit. If the other guy can't hit, there's no advantage at all," Baker said. **Let's play two:** An all-day rain wiped out batting practice before Game 3 at Truist Park, and forced the Braves and Astros into the indoor cages. But the damp conditions didn't deter Atlanta coach Ron Washington from his daily drills with Freeman. With a staffer holding an umbrella, Washington hit one-hoppers to Freeman from close range. There hasn't been a rain-out at the World Series since 2011, when Game 6 in St. Louis between the Cardinals and Texas was delayed by a day. By Major League Baseball rule, no postseason game can be shortened by rain and considered completed. Any game stopped by weather becomes a suspension that must be finished.

NHL

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racism and misbehavior in a sport where coaches have ruled with iron fists and conforming is the expectation. No more. The players are speaking out, on social media and in lawsuits and beyond, finding the courage to crack and perhaps end the sport's century-old engrained culture of silence. "It's an awakening," former player Anson Carter told Associated Press by phone Friday. "It's not going to be easy. It's not going to be pretty. There's a lot of heavy lifting. A lot of things are going to happen within the game that are going to make people uncomfortable and they're not pleasant, but at the same time, we have to go through this if we're really going to make hockey a sport that's inclusive and a safe place." The overwhelming evidence shows it has not been a safe place for many dating back quite some time. Players accused Graham James of sexual abuse in the 1980s and '90s, and the disgraced junior coach pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual assault involving more than 300 encounters. Blackhawks prospect Kyle Beach accused video coach Brad Aldrich of sexual assault in 2010, and at least one coach and a handful of executives who looked the other way are now out of the league after an investigation revealed their blatant mishandling of the case. A former teammate of Beach's, Akim Aliu, spoke up two years ago

about his experience with Peters and the aftermath prompted the NHL to invest time, energy and resources into combating racism in a league that's still over 95% white. Aliu's lawyer, Ben Meiselas, said the investigation into systemic racism the league pledged to undergo at the time still has not happened. Beach reached out to Aliu by text, crediting Aliu for being an inspiration in providing him the courage to go public in telling his story. Agent Allan Walsh, a vocal critic of Commissioner Gary Bettman, believes it comes from the NHL office, as well. He points out that the crises that prompted change emanated from the players, and he would like to see some systemic changes beyond reacting to each situation when it arises. "Every time we've seen change occur it's been effectuated from a revelation that has shocked people's conscience, and that has been the motivator for change," Walsh said. "You're not going to see culture change from the ground up. Culture, it has to be changing from the top down." From Peters to Quenneville, Bowman and others, jobs were lost, and they probably won't be the last because hockey may only be beginning of a very difficult introspection about its past and ensuring change — even if it takes a generation. "That's the only way we're going to grow and move forward," Carter said. "We can't ignore a lot of the negative stuff that has happened in the past, but at the same time, we can't just have our head in the sand about it, either."



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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
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New York	4	1	.800	—
Philadelphia	3	2	.600	1
Toronto	3	2	.500	1½
Brooklyn	2	3	.400	2
Boston	2	3	.400	2

SOUTHEAST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Charlotte	4	1	.800	—
Washington	4	1	.800	—
Miami	3	1	.750	½
Atlanta	3	2	.600	1
Orlando	1	5	.167	3½

CENTRAL				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Chicago	4	1	.800	—
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	1
Cleveland	3	2	.600	1
Indiana	1	4	.200	3
Detroit	0	4	.000	3½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Dallas	3	1	.750	—
Memphis	3	2	.600	½
New Orleans	1	4	.200	2½
Houston	1	4	.200	2½
San Antonio	1	4	.200	2½

NORTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Utah	4	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	3	1	.750	1
Denver	2	2	.500	2
Portland	2	2	.500	2
Oklahoma City	1	4	.200	3½

PACIFIC				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Golden State	4	1	.800	—
Sacramento	2	2	.500	1½
L.A. Lakers	2	3	.400	2
Phoenix	1	3	.250	2½
L.A. Clippers	1	3	.250	2½

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 110, Orlando 109
Charlotte at Miami, late
Indiana at Brooklyn, late
Sacramento to New Orleans, late
Dallas at Denver, late
L.A. Clippers at Portland, late
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Washington, 5 p.m.
New York at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Memphis, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Utah at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 122, Atlanta 111
Philadelphia 112, Detroit 102
Utah 122, Houston 91
New York 104, Chicago 103
Dallas 104, San Antonio 99
Memphis 104, Golden State 101, OT

ODDS

MLB WORLD SERIES

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Atlanta	off	Houston	off

NBA FAVORITE

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Washington	1½ (225)		Boston
New York	4½ (217)		at New Orleans
at Detroit	5½ (205½)		Orlando
at Philadelphia	Off (Off)		Atlanta
at Toronto	Off (Off)		Indiana
at Memphis	Off (Off)		Miami
at Milwaukee	Off (Off)		San Antonio
Utah	4½ (218)		at Chicago
at Golden St.	12½ (220)		Okl. City
at Minnesota	Off (Off)		Denver
at Phoenix	9½ (Off)		Cleveland

COLLEGE FOOTBALL FAVORITE

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Michigan	4 (50½)		at Mich. St.
UCF	10½ (52)		at Temple
at Maryland	2½ (49½)		Indiana
Rutgers	+1 (41½)		at Illinois
at Wisconsin	3½ (36½)		Iowa
at Buffalo	12½(51½)		B. Green
at Baylor	2½ (61½)		Texas
at Georgia Tech	3½ (55½)		Va. Tech
at Liberty	36½(56½)		UMass
at Pittsburgh	12 (61½)		Miami
Iowa St.	6½ (47½)		at WVa.
at Rice	2½ (56½)		N. Texas
at Arizona St.	15 (53½)		Wash. St.
Missouri	17 (62½)		at Vandy
at Utah St.	6½ (65½)		Hawaii
at Nebraska	6 (52½)		Purdue
Minnesota	7½ (43½)		at Nwst.
at Oregon	26½ (49)		Colorado
at Oklahoma	18 (66½)		Texas Tech
at Kansas St.	3½ (58½)		TCU
at App. St.	27½(57½)		La.-Monroe
at Syracuse	4½ (51)		Boston Coll.
at Clemson	10 (47½)		Fla. St.
at Marshall	21½(64½)		FIU
at MTSU	14 (47½)		S. Miss.
Louisiana Tech	6 (52½)		at ODU
Georgia	14 (51)		Florida
at Wake Forest	16½(71½)		Duke
at San Jose St.	3 (40½)		Wyoming
at W. Kentucky	18½ (73)		Charlotte
at S. Alabama	10½ (66)		Ark. St.
at Fau	12 (48½)		UTEP
Georgia St.	5 (55½)		at Ga. Sth.
at Houston	1 (62)		SMU
Oregon St.	1½ (55½)		at Cal
at Oklahoma St.	31 (54½)		Kansas
at Southern Cal	20½(55½)		Arizona
at Auburn	+1 (66)		Mississippi
at Mississippi St.	2½ (51½)		at Colo. St.
at Ohio St.	17½ (61)		Penn St.
at Notre Dame	3½ (62½)		N. Carolina
at NC State	6½ (56)		Louisville
at Utah	5 (60½)		UCLA
at BYU	2½ (65)		Virginia
at Stanford	2½ (47)		Washington
at San Diego St.	1 (44½)		Fresno St.

NFL WEEK 8 FAVORITE

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Cincinnati	8½ (43)		at NY Jets
at Indianapolis	1½ (51)		Tennessee
LA Rams	15 (46½)		at Houston
at Cleveland	3 (42)		Pittsburgh
Philadelphia	3 (48)		at Detroit
San Francisco	3½ (39½)		at Chicago
at Atlanta	2½ (46½)		Carolina
at Buffalo	13 (48½)		Miami
at LA Chargers	5½ (49½)		New Engl.
at Seattle	3½ (44½)		JAX
at Denver	3½ (44½)		Waft
Tampa Bay	4½ (49½)		at New Or.
at Minnesota	+1 (52)		Dallas

NHL FAVORITE

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
NY Islanders	-115	at Nashville	-105
at Los Angeles	-119	Montreal	-102
Winnipeg	-110	at San Jose	-110
at Boston	-127	Florida	+106
at Toronto	-252	Detroit	+202
at Pittsburgh	-150	New Jersey	+123
at St. Louis	-183	Chicago	+157
at Colorado	-164	Minnesota	+138
Edmonton	-142	at Vancouver	+120
at Calgary	-156	Philadelphia	+133

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GOLF

PGA BUTTERFIELD BERMU DA CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday at Port Royal GC, Southampton, Bermuda, 6,828 yards; Par 71				
2nd of 4 rounds (leaderboard)				
Taylor Pendrith	70-61	-131	-11	
Patrick Rodgers	68-64	-132	-10	
Vincent Whaley	66-67	-133	-9	
Danny Lee	67-67	-134	-8	
Nadav Skins	67-67	-134	-8	
Patrick Flavin	69-66	-135	-7	
Lucas Herbert	70-65	-135	-7	
Justin Lower	67-68	-135	-7	
Peter Malnati	70-65	-135	-7	
Ludvig Aberg	68-68	-136	-6	
Chad Rams	65-71	-136	-6	
Chase Seiffert	71-65	-136	-6	
Alex Smalley	69-67	-136	-6	
Adam Svensson	68-68	-136	-6	
Curtis Thompson	69-67	-136	-6	
Peter Uihlein	71-65	-136	-6	

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Florida	8	8	0	0	16	34	15		
Buffalo	7	5	1	1	11	23	14		
Detroit	8	4	2	2	10	25	26		
Tampa Bay	8	4	3	1	9	26	28		
Toronto	8	3	4	1	7	16	25		
Boston	6	3	3	0	6	15	18		
Ottawa	6	2	4	0	4	17	19		
Montreal	8	2	6	0	4	15	25		

METRO.									
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Carolina	7	7	0	0	14	31	11		
Washington	8	5	0	3	13	30	19		
N.Y. Rangers	8	5	2	1	11	19	18		
Philadelphia	6	4	1	1	9	25	17		
Pittsburgh	7	3	2	2	8	24	21		
Columbus	7	4	3	0	8	19	19		
N.Y. Islanders	6	3	2	1	7	15	15		
New Jersey	5	3	2	0	6	14	15		

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL									
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
St. Louis	6	5	1	0	10	28	15		
Minnesota	7	5	2	0	10	21	22		
Winnipeg	7	4	2	1	9	27	24		
Dallas	7	3	3	1	7	14	20		
Nashville	7	3	4	0	6	20	20		
Colorado	7	3	4	0	6	20	26		
Chicago	8	0	6	2	2	17	36		
Arizona	8	0	7	1	1	12	37		

PACIFIC									
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Calgary	7	5	1	1	11	25	15		
Edmonton	6	5	1	0	10	27	18		
San Jose	7	4	3	0	8	20	18		
Seattle	8	3	4	1	7	22	25		
Vancouver	8	3	4	1	7	21	23		
Vegas	7	3	4	0	6	18	23		
Anaheim	8	2	4	2	6	24	30		
Los Angeles	7	1	5	1	3	16	23		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 2, Arizona 0
N.Y. Rangers 4, Columbus 0
Florida 3, Detroit 2, OT
Carolina 6, Chicago 3
Anaheim at Vegas, late
Ottawa at Dallas, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Islanders at Nashville, 1:30 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at San Jose, 7 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Calgary, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Calgary 4, Pittsburgh 0
Carolina 3, Boston 0
Tampa Bay 5, Arizona 1
Colorado 4, St. Louis 3
Philadelphia 2, Vancouver 1
Buffalo 4, Anaheim 3, OT
Seattle 4, Minnesota 1
Winnipeg 3, Los Angeles 2
Montreal 4, San Jose 0

SOCCER

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EASTERN							
W	L	T	PT	GF	GA		
New England	22	4	7	73	65	40	
Nashville	12	4	16	52	53	31	
Philadelphia	13	8	11	50	45	34	
New York City FC	13	11	8	47	52	34	
Orlando City	12	9	11	47	47	47	
Atlanta	12	9	10	46	42	35	
D.C. United	13	14	5	44	52	50	
New York	12	12	7	43	37	32	
CF Montreal	11	10	10	43	44	41	
Columbus	11	16	5	41	41	44	
Inter Miami CF	11	13	8	38	34	50	
Chicago	9	17	7	34	36	52	
Toronto FC	6	17	9	27	37	62	
Cincinnati	4	20	8	20	36	70	
WESTERN							
W	L	T	PT	GF	GA		
Sporting KC	17	7	7	58	56	34	
Seattle	17	8	7	58	51	31	
Colorado	15	7	10	55	45	33	
Portland	15	13	4	49	50	51	
Vancouver	12	9	11	47	43	43	
LA Galaxy	13	12	7	46	46	50	
Real Salt Lake	13	12	6	45	50	47	
Minnesota United	12	11	9	45	37	40	
Los Angeles FC	12	12	8	44	50	45	
San Jose	9	13	10	37	41	50	
Houston	6	14	12	30	36	51	
FC Dallas	6	15	11	29	44	54	
Austin FC	8	19	4	28	31	50	
Three points for win, one point for tie.							

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

New York City FC at Miami, 1:30 p.m.
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 3:30 p.m.
CF Montreal at New York, 4 p.m.
Toronto FC at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Austin FC at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Sporting KC at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Colorado at Houston, 3 p.m.
Nashville at Orlando City, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

NWSL CLUB

Chicago	11	8	5	38	28	28
Washington	10	7	6	36	28	26
Gotham FC	8	5	10	34	28	20
Houston	9	9	5	32	31	30
North Carolina	9	9	5	32	28	23
Orlando	7	10	7	28	27	32
Louisville	5	12	6	21	20	39
Kansas City	3	13	7	16	15	33
<i>Three points for win, one point for tie.</i>						

FOOTBALL
Nov. 13: at Clemson,
time, TV/TBD

UConn Women's Basketball

Center Nelson-Ododa tabbed to Lisa Leslie Award watch list

By **Alexa Philippou**
Hartford Courant

UConn women's basketball senior Olivia Nelson-Ododa was named to the 2022 Lisa Leslie Award watch list, which honors the country's best center.

Last season, Nelson-Ododa averaged 12.0 points per game (third-best for the Huskies) as well as a team-high 7.8 rebounds on her way to being named Big East Defensive Player of the Year and to the All-Big East Second Team. She was also named to the preseason all-conference team last week.

Incorporating fan voting, the watch list will be cut to 10 in late January, five in late February and then a winner will be selected in March. South Carolina's Aliyah Boston is the two-time reigning Lisa Leslie Award winner.

UConn had the most players earn spots on the women's starting five watch lists (six) of any school, and two of their starters from last season (Evina Westbrook and Nika Mühl) didn't even make the cut. Earlier in the week, Paige Bueckers (Nancy Lieberman Award for nation's best point guard), Christyn Williams and Azzi Fudd (Ann Meyers Drysdale Award for nation's best shooting guard), and Dorka Juhász and Aaliyah Edwards (Katrina McClain Award for nation's best power forward) earned spots were recognized.

Basketball season ticket sales soaring

UConn announced big numbers for season ticket sales to date ahead of the upcoming basketball season. Men's basketball fans purchased the most XL Center season tickets since the 2011-12 season, and well as the most at Gampel Pavilion since 2015-16. Women's basketball fans, meanwhile, purchased the most season tickets at Gampel Pavilion since 2007-08.

Christyn Williams signs with Excel

Williams became the latest UConn women's basketball player to sign with a major sports management company for name, image and likeness representation, announcing Friday that she'll be represented by Excel Sports.

Bueckers previously signed with Wasserman Media Group, while players from Azzi Fudd to Olivia Nelson-Ododa have been pursuing NIL opportunities. Nelson-Ododa promoted a local pizza restaurant and has partnered with the apparel company Fabletics as an ambassador. On Thursday, Fudd, who previously announced a partnership with Chipotle as one of its first college athlete ambassadors, posted a commercial for TikTok that she appeared in alongside Allen Iverson.



UConn's Olivia Nelson-Ododa, front, is fouled by Arizona forward Lauren Ware during the second half of a semifinal of the NCAA Tournament on April 2 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. **ERIC GAY/AP**

2022 Lisa Leslie Award candidates*

- Queen Egbo (Baylor)
 - Sara Hamson (BYU)
 - Jenna Staiti (Georgia)
 - Mackenzie Holmes (Indiana)
 - Monika Czinano (Iowa)
 - Ayoka Lee (Kansas State)
 - Hannah Gusters (LSU)
 - Shakira Austin (Mississippi)
 - Jessika Carter (Mississippi St.)
 - Elissa Cunane (NC State)
 - Aliyah Boston (South Carolina)
 - Kamilla Cardoso (South Carolina)
 - Francesca Belibi (Stanford)
 - Tamari Key (Tennessee)
 - Ila Lane (UC Santa Barbara)
 - Olivia Nelson-Ododa (UConn)
 - Eleah Parker (Virginia)
 - Elizabeth Kitley (Virginia Tech)
 - Nancy Mulkey (Washington)
 - Bella Murekatete (Washington St.)
- *Players can play their way onto and off the list at any point in the 2021-22 season*

Knicks

Barrett may lack Zion's star power, but he's always on the court

By **Stefan Bondy**
New York Daily News

NEW ORLEANS — The problem isn't Zion Williamson's skill. That never was the concern. The issue is Zion's health and, by extension, his weight.

Once again, the theoretical most exciting NBA player is on the shelf with a foot injury and will miss Saturday's game against the Knicks. We say theoretical because he's played only 85 of a possible 149 games in his NBA career.

The latest ailment is a broken foot, and nobody seems to know when Williamson will return to the court.

In the meantime, the Pelicans are 1-4 and appear directionless without Williamson.

"He'll be alright," said RJ Barrett, who was teammates with Williamson at Duke. "He's such a special talent and such a great human being. I'm always pulling for him. He'll be good. When he comes back, you guys will see."

We will have to wait to see. There are rumors of Williamson ballooning to over 300 pounds in the offseason, which isn't a sustainable weight for Williamson's high-flying style.

There's also a general sense of dysfunction and unease about Williamson's future in New Orleans, a

small-market franchise unable to keep its previous stars — Anthony Davis and Chris Paul — from demanding a trade.

There must've been cringes last season from the Pelicans when Williamson, out of nowhere, began passionately explaining his love for Madison Square Garden last season.

Regardless, the Pelicans will offer Williamson an extension in the summer, and no player has ever turned down a max deal coming off their rookie contract. But it's hardly been an ideal pairing. And rival teams are monitoring the situation.

The contrast is in New York and Memphis, homes to the draft picks chosen directly after Williamson in 2019: Barrett and Ja Morant.

Both are thriving on teams trending upward, already with playoff experience under their belts. Barrett progressed from a disappointing and inefficient rookie to a two-way force with All-Defense potential.

Unlike Williamson, he's also always available after finishing second in the league in minutes last season.

The most important part of success is showing up. "Everybody is different. Everybody's journey is different," Barrett said. "I know who I am. The team believes in me. So that's what I care about."

High School Cross Country

CIAC postpones divisional championships

By **Lori Riley**
Hartford Courant

The CIAC cross country divisional championships scheduled for Saturday at Wickham Park in East Hartford were postponed until Monday afternoon due to a forecast of rain.

The meets will take place at the same time, with the Class M boys championships starting the day at 9:15 a.m. and ending with the Class SS girls at 3:40 p.m.

The schedule is as follows: Class LL: Boys 1 p.m., Girls 1:30 p.m.; Class L: Boys 11:25 a.m., Girls 11:55 a.m.; Class MM: Boys 10:20 a.m., Girls 10:50 a.m.; Class M: Boys 9:15 a.m., Girls 9:45 a.m.; Class SS: Boys 3:10 p.m., Girls 3:40 p.m.; and Class S: Boys 2:05 p.m., Girls 2:35 p.m.

Some of the top local runners expected to compete are Conard seniors Gavin (2019 Class LL champion) and Callum Sherry (2021 CCC champion) in Class L and Manchester senior Aidan Puffer (2019 Class LL runner-up) in Class LL and on the girls side, Glastonbury freshman Brooke Strauss (2021 CCC champion), Hall's Kate Sanderson and Southington's Jackie Izzo in Class LL, Tolland's Peyton Bornstein in Class M and Somers' Rachel St. Germain in Class S.

The National Weather Service forecast is calling for rain and possibly a thunderstorm on Saturday with wind gusts up to 24 mph with rainfall amounts between three-quarters of an inch to an inch.

The State Open cross country championships are still scheduled to take place Friday at Wickham Park, with the boys race at 2 p.m. and the girls at 2:45 p.m.



Rockville's Matt Ryan throws under pressure from Coginchaug's Jack Huscher during a game Friday at Rockville High School in Vernon. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Rockville

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Morgan last week by 30.

Rockville scored on its first drive, marching 10 plays down the field, capped by a 25-yard pass from Ryan to Cameron Washington. The extra point by Michael Naylor gave the Rams a 7-0 lead with 6:36 left in the first quarter.

The Rams scored another touchdown a little over three minutes later. This time on a Ryan 32-yard pass to Hason Green and the kick was good again and the Rams went up 14-0 with 3:11 left.

Coginchaug had the ball for one play when quarterback Braden Lankarge fumbled and Rockville recovered at the 50. Seven plays later the Rams scored again. Freshman Amir Knighton had a 26-yard carry into the end zone 41 seconds into the second quarter and the kick gave Rockville a 21-0 lead.

Coginchaug then put together a drive into Rockville territory. Lankarge had a 16-yard pass to Chris Prozano and a 9-yard pass to Jackson Hill to get to the Rockville 38. But the drive stalled. On third-and-5, Rockville's defense sacked Lankarge and on fourth-and-13, he was

brought down by Rockville freshman Nathan Palmer and the ball turned over on downs.

On Rockville's next drive, Prozano intercepted a throw by Ryan on Coginchaug's 6-yard line. But once again, Rockville's defense pinned Coginchaug behind the 10-yard line and the Blue Devils were forced to punt.

The Rams got one more chance to score with 2:20 left in the first half. Starting on the Coginchaug 40, Rockville had a seven-play drive that ended in an 8-yard run by Ryan with 24.2 seconds left and Rockville led 28-0.

Coginchaug came out fired up in the second half and held onto the ball for seven minutes and on a fourth-and-goal, Lankarge hit Prozano with a 10-yard pass for the Blue Devils' first touchdown. The run failed and Coginchaug trailed, 28-6 with 4:47 left in the third quarter.

But Rockville scored twice more, once on a 40-yard touchdown pass by Ryan to Deshaun Perry and again on a 70-yard run by Travon Edmondson with less than two minutes left.

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Knicks Late Thursday

New York hands Chicago its 1st loss

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kemba Walker scored 21 points, RJ Barrett added 20 and the New York Knicks hung on to hand the Chicago Bulls their first loss of the season, 104-103, on Thursday night.

Julius Randle had 13 points, 16 rebound and nine assists. Derrick Rose came off New York's bench to score 12 points against his former team as the Knicks won their second straight and improved to 4-1.

This one wasn't as easy for New York. It boiled down to a stop of Chicago's DeMar DeRozan as time expired after Bulls went on a 12-0 run in the final minutes to nearly tie the score in a game the Knicks seemingly had wrapped up.

"Right now, we're still getting a feel for each other,"

New York coach Tom Thibodeau said. "Every game we're getting better and better."

"I love the fact that everyone is sacrificing for the team and putting the team first. That's how you win big in his league."

The Knicks had to settle for a narrow victory.

Chicago star Zach LaVine scored 25 points, despite playing with a torn ligament in his left thumb.

LaVine's dunk with 9.5 seconds left trimmed New York's lead to one point after the Knicks held a 104-91 advantage with 2:59 left. LaVine's thumb was taped up after he was injured Monday in Toronto.

Randle missed a pair of free throws with 4.7 seconds left to give Chicago the final possession, but DeRozan missed a 15-foot, pull-up shot with Barrett helping to cover him.

Kemba

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This has been a comfortable landing spot thus far for Walker, especially if, as he's expressed, there's an acceptance he may be benched for long stretches because Rose is playing well. Only four months ago, Walker's contract was considered so prohibitive the Celtics traded him in a salary dump and the Thunder bought out the deal.

Expectations have lowered on his smaller Knicks contract (two years, \$18 million), but Walker

hasn't forgotten his reputation as a four-time All-Star.

"I ain't got nothing to prove. Amongst my peers, everybody knows the work that I've put in over the course of my career," said Walker, who is averaging 14.2 points on 49% shooting in 26.8 minutes. "I've had a couple of bumps and bruises over the last couple of years, of course. Just with my health. As far as basketball, I don't think anybody ever doubted me on that end. I think it's just my health at the end of the day."

Health is good. For now. Walker is doing his best to ensure it remains that way.

Did you know?

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Norman set to run competing tour



More than 25 years after Greg Norman tried to start a world tour, he announced Friday he will be the CEO of a new company that will start by adding 10 tournaments on the Asian Tour over the next 10 years that will add \$200 million in playing opportunities and prize money. A majority of the funding for LIV Golf Investments comes from the Public Investment Fund, the investing arm of Saudi Arabia chaired by Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman. Still to be determined is whether this was the first step toward rumblings of a Saudi-backed “super league,” in which top players are offered as much as \$50 million to be part of a team concept. Various iterations of the team concept have been trying to gain traction for nearly a decade, picking up momentum in the last two years. PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan has made it clear to his players that anyone who joins will no longer be part of the PGA Tour. “This is only the beginning,” Norman said in a release, adding the company has secured a major capital commitment to be used to create “additive new opportunities” around the world.

Adversity has arrived for Cardinals



Kyler Murray, pictured, threw the football, A.J. Green never turned around and a golden opportunity for the Cardinals to move to 8-0 for the first time in franchise history instead ended with a gut-wrenching interception. Maybe it’s for the best. The adversity after a tough loss comes sooner or later for just about every team in the NFL. The Cardinals made it to nearly November without that feeling, but now it’s here after a 24-21 loss to the Packers on Thursday night. “We knew it would come at some point,” Murray said. “We fought the whole game. We just came up short.” Make no mistake, the Cardinals (7-1) still look like a good team and a contender to win the NFC West. But the Cardinals also looked like a pretty good team last year after starting with a 6-3 record only to fade down the stretch, finish 8-8 and miss the playoffs for a fifth straight season. Murray’s confident that won’t happen. “This is a very mature group,” Murray said. “We have a lot of old veterans, a lot of leaders on this team that I don’t think would let that happen, so I’m confident in us bouncing back and forgetting about this one.”

Hawks ask HOF to cover coach’s name



Blackhawks owner Rocky Wirtz wants the Hockey Hall of Fame to cover the name of an assistant coach engraved on the Stanley Cup after the assistant was accused of sexually assaulting a player during the team’s run to the 2010 title. In a letter addressed to Hall of Fame chairman Lanny McDonald, dated Thursday, Wirtz writes the conduct of Brad Aldrich, pictured, disqualifies him from being included on the Cup, and the team made a mistake submitting his name. “I am humbly requesting that the Hockey Hall of Fame consider ‘x-ing’ out his name on the Stanley Cup,” Wirtz wrote. “While nothing can undo what he did, leaving his name on the most prestigious trophy in sports seems profoundly wrong.” The Hall of Fame cannot remove a name from the Stanley Cup, but it can decide to engrave a series of X’s to cover it up. Wirtz pointed to the case of Basil Pocklington, the father of the former Edmonton owner who had his name engraved on the trophy after the Oilers won the 1984 title, but was covered at the NHL’s request because Pocklington had nothing to do with the team. —AP



Villanova’s Collin Gillespie, right, gets a second chance at his senior season after a knee injury. MATT SLOCUM/AP

COLLEGE BASKETBALL IMPACT SENIORS

Veteran presence

Seniors could be more of a factor than usual this year

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

Villanova’s Collin Gillespie is ready to make the most of his second chance at a senior season. Gillespie was the co-Big East player of the year last season but tore the medial collateral ligament in his left knee during a victory over Creighton that enabled Villanova to clinch the Big East regular-season championship. The injury ended his senior season early and prevented him from participating in the NCAA Tournament. Gillespie now is back as a fifth-year senior and feeling healthy again. Villanova coach Jay Wright spent part of the offseason away from campus while working as an assistant coach on the U.S. Olympic team that won a gold medal. When Wright returned, he was impressed by Gillespie’s thorough recovery and said it’s a credit to the 6-foot-3 graduate student’s work ethic. “I went away for 37 days,” Wright said. “He was just starting to come back when I went away. “When I came back, he looked perfectly fine.” Gillespie, an Associated Press preseason All-America selection, heads the list of notable seniors in the upcoming college basketball season. While college basketball has become more and more of a freshman-oriented game over the last decade or so, seniors

could be more of a factor than usual this season since the NCAA granted athletes an extra year of eligibility due to the pandemic. Gillespie is one of the players who capitalized on this policy change. Here’s a look at some other seniors who should make an impact this season. (Note: The list doesn’t include Texas’ Marcus Carr and Kansas’ Remy Martin, who undoubtedly rank among the nation’s top seniors but were recognized for a future list on the nation’s most noteworthy transfers.) **Oregon State F Warith Alatishe:** Alatishe was the Pac-12 Tournament’s most outstanding player last season and then helped the Beavers along in their improbable run to an NCAA regional final. The 6-8 Alatishe averaged 9.5 points and ranked second in the Pac-12 in rebounding (8.6) and fourth in blocked shots (1.39). He’s a preseason first-team all-Pac-12 selection. **Virginia Tech F Keve Aluma:** Aluma, who is 6-foot-9, averaged 15.2 points and 7.9 rebounds last season in his first year with Virginia Tech. He had sat out the 2019-20 season due to NCAA transfer rules after playing two seasons with Wofford. He earned second-team all-Atlantic Coast Conference honors from a panel of coaches and media members last season. This year, he’s a preseason first-team all-ACC pick. **Syracuse G Buddy Boeheim:** Boeheim, the son of Syracuse coach Jim

Boeheim, averaged 17.8 points and went 77 of 201 from 3-point range last season. The 6-6 guard scored 30 points in an NCAA Tournament first-round victory over San Diego State and had 25 more in a second-round triumph over West Virginia. He’s a preseason first-team all-ACC selection. **Florida C Colin Castleton:** In his first season with Florida since transferring from Michigan, Castleton ranked second in the Southeastern Conference with 2.25 blocks per game and also averaged 12.4 points and 6.4 rebounds last year. The SEC’s coaches made him a second-team all-conference pick. This year, the 6-11 center is a preseason first-team all-SEC pick. **Xavier G Paul Scruggs:** The 6-5 Scruggs led the Big East with 5.7 assists per game last season. He also ranked 11th in the conference in scoring (14.00) and third in steals (1.6). Scruggs was a second-team all-Big East selection last year. He’s a unanimous preseason first-team choice this year. **Purdue F Trevion Williams:** Williams was a first-team all-Big Ten selection last year who averaged 15.5 points, 9.1 rebounds. The 6-10 Williams was one of only six players to average at least 15 points, nine rebounds and two assists. He ranked ninth in the Big Ten in scoring and second in rebounding.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL STORYLINES

Big Ten control on the line in Week 9

By C.J. Doon | The Baltimore Sun

From big games in the Big Ten and the SEC to a bit of Group of Five intrigue, there’s plenty to like in Week 9 of the college football season. Here’s what to watch:

Big Ten bragging rights: After this weekend, there won’t be much debate about who the two best teams in the Big Ten are. On Saturday, No. 8 Michigan State hosts No. 6 Michigan, while No. 20 Penn State travels to Columbus to face No. 5 Ohio State. Only one of those teams can win its division, but given the lack of top contenders in the West, it’s safe to assume whoever emerges from the East will be the Big Ten champion — and a likely playoff participant. After some early hiccups, Ohio State is the clear favorite. The Buckeyes have been dominant of late, outscoring their last three opponents by an average of 45 points per game to climb to No. 1 in ESPN’s SP+ rankings, an opponent- and tempo-adjusted measure of efficiency. Against a Penn State offense that struggled to score from the 2-yard line in a nine-overtime loss to Illinois last weekend, the Buckeyes’ defense should be just fine. That makes the annual in-state rivalry game between the Wolverines and Spartans that much more interesting. With Penn State dealing with questions surrounding coach James Franklin’s future during its two-game losing streak, Michigan and Michigan State have emerged as legitimate Big Ten contenders. **Possible last hurdle for Georgia:** Outside of starting quarterback JT Daniels’ extended absence, the season has pretty much broken perfectly for No. 1 Georgia. The Bulldogs have the best defense in the country by a wide margin, the offense has done enough to win under backup Stetson Bennett and Alabama looks (somewhat) vulnerable. That’s what makes Saturday’s game against Florida so fascinating. What’s usually a midseason hurdle in Jacksonville has become less daunting, thanks to the Gators’ struggles in coach Dan Mullen’s fourth season. Florida (4-3) is coming off a 49-42 loss to LSU and has yet to figure out its quarterback situation. If Georgia can win Saturday, all it has left on the schedule before a likely showdown with Alabama in the SEC championship game is Missouri, Tennessee, Charleston Southern and Georgia Tech, who are a combined 12-16 this season.

Ole Miss-Auburn fireworks: There might not be a more entertaining team in the country this season than Ole Miss, and there might not be a more entertaining venue for an SEC game than Auburn’s Jordan-Hare Stadium. From the “Kick-Six” to the “Prayer at Jordan-Hare,” there have been some unforgettable moments when the Tigers play a big game at home. What does Saturday night have in store? There’s plenty at stake, too. Ole Miss hasn’t finished a season inside the top 10 since 2015 and has won 10 or more games just once since 2003. If coach Lane Kiffin keeps this up, he might be the top candidate for some big-time openings in December. **More to a rivalry:** There’s more bad blood between these in-state rivals than you might think. The Mustangs’ undefeated record only adds to the intrigue. The Cougars have won six straight since a season-opening loss to Texas Tech, averaging 38 points per game during that stretch. SMU’s Tanner Mordecai and Houston’s Clayton Tune are two of the best quarterbacks in the country and should light up the scoreboard in what Vegas thinks is basically a toss-up.

Wildcats making New Year’s plans: Thanks to a 6-1 start, Kentucky has a good chance to reach a New Year’s Six bowl game for the first time since 1993. The Wildcats’ ground-and-pound offense facing off against Bulldogs coach Mike Leach’s Air Raid is an intriguing contrast of styles. **Getting defensive:** If you like defense, this is the game for you. The over/under points total opened at 36.5 and has stayed there entering the weekend. According to gambling website Covers, there have only been 16 totals of 37 or less since 2010. Big Ten football, everyone.

Sooners looking to stay perfect: Oklahoma quarterback Caleb Williams continues to live up to the hype. The Sooners struggled as big favorites early last week against Kansas before Williams took over to deliver 35 second-half points. The Red Raiders just fired coach Matt Wells, so it’s anyone guess how they’ll respond Saturday. **Demon Deacons have earned your attention:** If you haven’t paid attention to Wake Forest, just know that they scored 70 points in 17 minutes of possession time in last week’s wild win over Army. Quarterback Sam Hartman is piloting coach Dave Clawson’s offense to perfection, and it could lead to an ACC title. Now the question is whether Clawson decides to leave for a bigger job.

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For now, EVs cost more to power than gasoline costs to fuel an internal combustion car that gets reasonable gas mileage. **FREDERIC J. BROWN/GETTY-AFP**

Paying the price to drive

Study comparing charging with gas vehicles has surprising results

By **Jamie L. Lareau**
Detroit Free Press

Last year Patrick Anderson went electric: He got a Porsche Taycan EV in dark blue.

Anderson, who is CEO of East Lansing, Michigan-based economic consulting firm Anderson Economic Group, loves the zippy acceleration and “exciting” features the car offers. He also gets satisfaction in knowing that driving an EV benefits the environment, he said.

But Anderson’s joy comes with a dark side. “They are a wonderful driving experience. But at the same time, they’re an enormous burden in time and in energy in finding chargers and getting them charged,” Anderson said. “And you’re not really saving much in terms of charging costs ... you may be paying more.”

Costs to drive an EV compared with a gasoline car are detailed in a report Anderson Economic released called “Comparison: Real World Cost of Fueling EVs and ICE Vehicles.”

The study has four major findings

- There are four additional costs to powering EVs beyond electricity: cost of a home charger, commercial charging, the EV tax and “deadhead” miles.
- For now, EVs cost more to power than gasoline costs to fuel an internal combustion car that gets reasonable gas mileage.
- Charging costs vary more widely than gasoline prices.
- There are significant time costs to finding reliable public chargers — even then a charger could take 30 minutes to go from 20% to an 80% charge.

It is the first of a series of reports Anderson Economic Group will release. It started the project — an independent report — more than six months ago.

Anderson has worked with the auto industry for 20 years and given the industry’s transition to EVs, the group decided to do the studies to assess the likelihood consumer will adopt the cars.

General Motors and Ford Motor Co. are banking on such a switch. Both are investing tens of billions of dollars to go all-electric in the next two decades. GM has promised to double its revenues largely on the backs of new EVs.

“Part of the strength of the analysis is we’re showing the real-world costs that EV drivers



Ford’s charging network offers access to more than 13,500 charging stations. **FORD MOTOR CO.**

face,” Anderson said. “You typically have to go to a commercial charger and commercial charger rates are two, three or four times that of residential charger rates.”

Then, there is the time to drive around to find a commercial charger, time that Anderson dubs “deadhead miles.” Even charging at home on a Level 1 or Level 2 charger is time consuming and expensive.

The study found that the average cost to install a Level 1 charger is \$600. To install a Level 2 costs \$1,600 because it requires hiring an electrician. A L1 charger uses a 110-volt supply of electricity and can take 20 or more hours to charge, whereas a L2 chargers uses 240 volts and can charge in a few hours.

“I have a picture of my home charging going on 90 hours! Ninety hours and the car is still not charged,” Anderson said. “Ford charges \$800 for an L2 charger. But they put right on there if you put that in the wall at 110-volts, it could take 93 hours to charge. A lot of people are surprised by how much time it takes to charge a vehicle.”

Real cost to charge up

Anderson’s report considers four costs beyond the cost of residential electricity when calculating how much it costs to drive an EV:

- Cost of the residential charger
- Cost of commercial electricity
- An annual EV tax, which in Michigan ranges from \$135 to \$235 depending on the

vehicle model. This is to make up for not paying a gas tax

■ Deadhead miles to get to a fast charger
Given all of that, the conclusion is EVs cost more to “fuel” than gasoline cars that get reasonable gas mileage, Anderson said.

A mid-priced internal combustion car that gets 33 miles per gallon would cost \$8.58 in overall costs to drive 100 miles at \$2.81 a gallon, the study found. But a mid-priced EV, such as a Chevrolet Bolt, Nissan Leaf or a Tesla Model 3, would cost \$12.95 to drive 100 miles in terms of costs that include recharging the vehicle using mostly a commercial charger.

On a yearly basis, assuming the mid-priced cars traveled 12,000 miles, it would cost \$1,030 to drive an internal combustion car and \$1,554 to drive an EV.

For luxury cars that get 26 miles per gallon and using premium gas at \$3.25 a gallon, the cost to drive an internal combustion car 100 miles is \$12.60. The cost to drive a luxury EV, such as a Taycan, Tesla Model S or X or Jaguar I-Pace, is \$15.52 to travel 100 miles. That is using mostly commercial chargers.

“That’s apples to apples and includes the extra EV taxes, the commercial charging and the home charging and the allowance of driving to a gas station, which for most Americans is very short compared to driving to a commercial charger for an EV owner,” Anderson said.

The study differs from some reports that show it’s cheaper to drive an EV than a conventional car. For example, a 2018 study from the University of Michigan’s Transportation Research Institute found the average cost to operate an EV in the U.S. was \$485 per year compared with a gasoline-powered vehicle at \$1,117. Anderson said most studies include only the cost of residential electricity and don’t factor in the four other costs that this study does.

Still, he noted there are environmental benefits to EV ownership and costs could come down if there are more reliable commercial charging centers built. Electric cars also require less costly maintenance than gasoline-powered vehicles.

“Our research is consistent with what President Biden and the Detroit Three have said which is, a choke point for a number of consumers is the lack of infrastructure,” Anderson said. “My own experience with an EV is that the biggest challenge is getting them charged so that it’s something you can use on a daily basis.”

Finding charging station shouldn’t be game of hide-and-seek

By **Mark Phelan**
Detroit Free Press

I get emails regularly from readers saying they’ll never buy an electric vehicle because there’s no place nearby to charge it. They’re nearly always wrong, but it’s not their fault: The electric vehicle charging industry does a miserable job letting people know where to find chargers.

“People are largely unaware of the existing EV charging infrastructure,”

said John Voelcker, a journalist and analyst specializing in electric vehicles. “There are literally tens of thousands of public charging stations now, soon to be hundreds of thousands.”

Gas stations are impossible to miss. Every BP or Shell station has a lighted tower visible for miles, not to mention LED signs explaining prices for every fuel grade and how to pay. Plus amenities like brightly lit parking lots, restrooms

and shopping plazas where you can get anything from a Coke and candy bar to souvenirs and a fresh sub.

Compared with that, finding an EV charger is a sadistic scavenger hunt.

In one case near my house, a high-speed DC charger — the fastest, most desirable public charger — sits anonymously in what appears to be a Dunkin’ parking lot. A rank of six chargers in a nearby parking structure is denoted by a sign that’s not visible from

the street: You can charge here, but don’t tell anybody.

“Part of the problem is that EV owners have apps to locate nearby stations, but people who don’t have an EV don’t even know the apps exist, much less the chargers,” said Chelsea Sexton, EV advocate and a consulting producer for the documentary “Revenge of the Electric Car.”

EV owners generally do most of their daily charging overnight at home, when they’ll pay a lower rate and

there’s no rush: A Level 2 charger is fine when you charge through the night.

More powerful DC fast chargers are important when people need to get back on the road quickly, said Andrew Fox, chairman and CEO of Charge Enterprises, which advises companies on charging.

Charging can be complicated, but it’s not hard to make it simple: Tell people where they can do it, how much it costs and how to pay.



A parking structure has Level 2 car chargers, but no outside signs telling drivers how to find them. **MARK PHELAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS**



The 2022 Audi A3 proves to be a good deal in an increasingly expensive car market. AUDI

REVIEW

2022 Audi A3 perfect antidote to world filled with crossover SUVs

By Larry Printz
Tribune News Service

DENVER — If you're shopping for a new vehicle, odds are it's an SUV or pickup, not a sedan nor a sports car. Those last two categories are seeing their sales shrivel faster than American civility. And yet these are the vehicles that provide the most pleasure, especially one with talents that cut across both the sedan and sports car categories, like 2022 Audi A3. It's a marvelous new sports sedan, far more fun to drive than any dull old crossover.

There are a number of compelling competitors in this group of entry-luxury compact sedans. Does the Audi A3 hold its own? You bet.

The A3 is Audi's smallest sedan in the U.S. market, but for 2022, it now offers much of technology now available on the larger A4 and A6 sedans, and now shares its sibling's style as well. It now wears a taut, sporty look, with aggressive hood sculpting, sharper side shapes, a large assertive grille and available matrix-design LED headlights. An optional Black Optics Package adds the requisite murdered-out styling touches, should you require them. Certainly, the test vehicle has the look of a great

2022 Audi A3
Base price: \$33,900
Engine: 2.0-liter turbocharged DOHC 16-valve four-cylinder
Horsepower/Torque: 201-221 pound-feet
EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 29/38 mpg
Fuel required: Regular unleaded
Length/Width/Height: 176.9/71.5 /56.2 inches
Cargo capacity: 10.9 cubic feet

sports sedan.

The front-wheel drive 2022 A3 is in Premium, Premium Plus and Prestige trim. Quattro all-wheel drive is a \$2,000 option. Sold here exclusively as a sedan, it's offered as a hatchback in other markets.

On a drive through the Colorado mountains, the A3 offered strong acceleration. The dual-clutch transmission is controlled by a toggle switch in the center console, along with paddle shifters on the steering wheel that provide manual shifting. Should you indulge, you'll find its performance to be lightning quick, although transmission performance is excellent even when left to its own devices.

The car is well balanced and responsively sharp with well-controlled body

motions and strong brakes. Its performance lends drivers a feeling of confidence. But the A3 is still a sports sedan, something you'll be reminded of when traversing rough pavement.

If you're looking for a lot of standard driver-assistance safety systems on your A3, few items come standard. All models have Audi Pre Sense, high beam assist, lane departure warning and a rearview camera.

The A3's cabin is a paragon of modern refinement, with an angular design to the instrument panel that's interesting and contemporary. A 10.1-inch infotainment touch screen and a 10.3-inch digital instrument cluster are standard. A power panoramic sunroof, leather seating surfaces, heated front seats, LED vanity mirrors, split-folding 40/20/40 rear seat backs, and a rearview camera are standard.

The 2022 Audi A3 is a good deal in an increasingly pricey car market. Landing a luxury compact sedan for less than \$35k is a relative bargain when you consider that a fully loaded mainstream sedan can cost as much and not deliver the Audi's fun factor.

That's why you'll find the 2022 Audi A3 to be A-OK.

OK to mix and match coils?



Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: A blinking check engine light came on setting a number four cylinder misfire code. I suspected a bad ignition coil, which I replaced. I cleared codes and the car runs great. I was able to find an auto parts store open late and fortunately the coil was in front of the engine not in back. A back coil will probably fail in dead of winter and 20-below temperature. I would like to replace the back coils and I can get a better brand coil at less cost. Is it OK to mix coils from different manufacturers?
— J.D., Chicago

A: Yes. Every manufacturer must build their parts to the original equipment specifications. That said, I prefer to stick with parts from the same company.

Q: My normal gasoline station (a Sam's Club) has traffic flow in one direction only at its pump islands. I've noticed that there is always a line with multiple cars for vehicles with gas caps on the left side, but rarely any line for vehicles with gas caps on the right side. Just a rough guess but I would say that about 80% of the vehicles on the road have gas caps on the left side. Right vs. left side: How is this choice made during the design process? Is there a statistic for the percentage of vehicles on the road with gas caps on the left vs., right?
— M.M., Springfield, Illinois

A: It seems that there are statistics for everything, although baseball seems to have the most. If there are gas cap stats, I could



Every car parts manufacturer must build their parts to the specifications of the original equipment. DREAMSTIME

not find any. My hunch is that design engineers look for the most convenient location with the shortest distance from the tank to the inlet, which is usually denoted on the instrument panel with an arrow beside the gasoline icon.

Q: I purchased a new 2021 Tucson this spring. My first new car in 17 years! I love it but have a question. We went to two dealerships and both salespeople said the oil change should be every 3,750 miles. I have taken my car in twice now, at 3,750 and 7,500. The service department is telling me I only need to come in every 8,000 miles. I have followed the 3,000 miles/3-month oil change guideline and tire rotation every six months for over 40 years. I don't want to void my new car warranty. Who do I believe?
— S.K., Minneapolis

A: Have faith in your owner's manual, it is the car's bible. Reading the maintenance section, you will find the service interval blessed by the carmaker. Thou shalt change the oil and filter once a year or every 7,500 miles. It seems like a sin to waste money on unnecessarily frequent oil changes.

Q: You recently wrote that using the cruise control provides better gas mileage. We have a 2018 RAV 4 and have driven from our previous residence in Virginia to Illinois several times. On one such trip I used the cruise control whenever possible, and on another identical trip I used the pedal only, which yielded an extra 2 mpg over cruise. I suspect the cause is the additional braking for slower vehicles and unnecessary shifting on inclines.
— J.C., Mokena, Illinois

A: Not everyone can finesse the throttle like you. When you lift your foot to brake, you close the throttle. Coasting to a stop helps, so does gently accelerating from a stop instead of returning to 55 mph as quickly as possible.

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FACT #341

The folks who brought us Reddi-wip whipped cream had another brainstorm in the 1960s: Reddi-Bacon.

FACT #84
A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

FACT #147
When someone uses chitchat, noises, or mannerisms to distract or mislead an opponent during poker or another game, it's called "coffeehousing."

FACT #178
Genuphobia is the fear of knees.

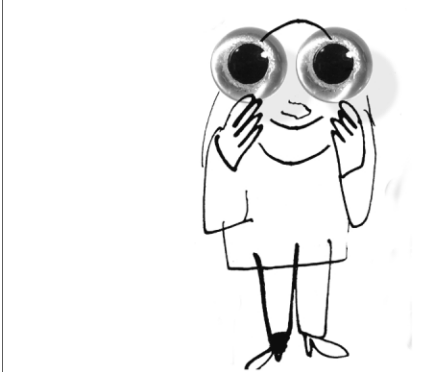
FACT #238
Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279
Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302
Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408
Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s, used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459
When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.






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52°

SUNDAY



Mixed clouds and sunshine, mild.




HIGH

64°

LOW

45°

MONDAY



Mostly sunny and a little milder than normal.




HIGH

61°

LOW

38°

TUESDAY



Partly sunny and cooler.




HIGH

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LOW

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WEDNESDAY



Partly sunny and cool.

HIGH





52°

LOW

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CONNECTICUT WEATHER

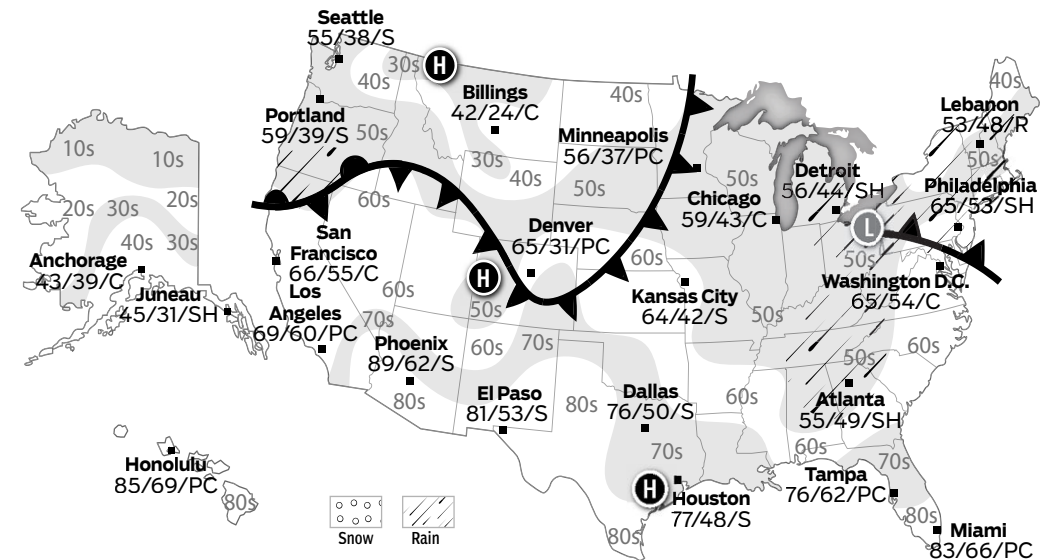
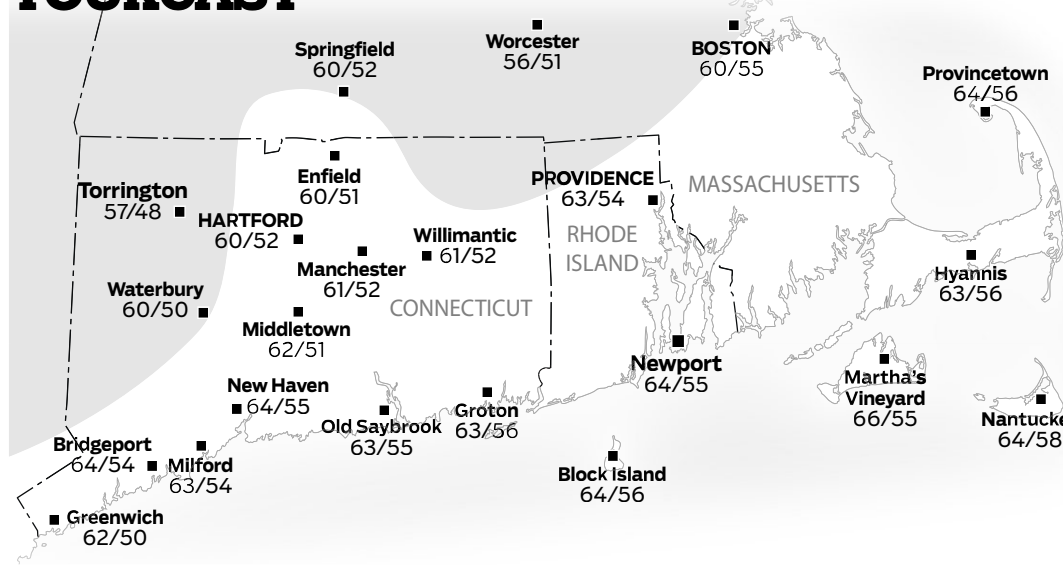
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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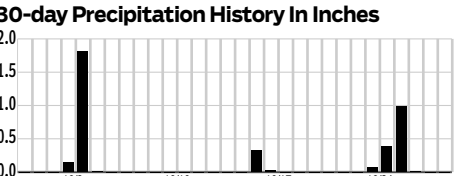
A low pressure system crossing the eastern Great Lakes will cause periods of rain and drizzle on Saturday with high temperatures in the mid-50s to the mid-60s. It will be a breezy day along the shoreline with east to northeast winds of 10 to 15 mph. Some peak gusts could reach 30 to 35 mph. Lingering showers this evening will give way to a mostly cloudy sky. There will be a mixture of clouds and sunshine on Sunday. It will be comfortable with high temperatures in the low to mid-60s. It remains near 60 degrees Monday under a mostly sunny sky.

-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.12
Month to date	3.76 4.28
Total this year	49.13 39.22

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good 13	Low 0	39°
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet Index Today	Wind Chill Today

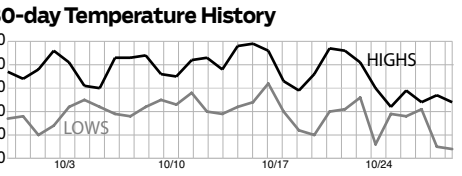
	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:20 a.m.	7:21 a.m.
Sunset	5:48 p.m.	5:47 p.m.
Moonrise	12:53 a.m.	2:02 a.m.
Moonset	3:32 p.m.	3:59 p.m.

Moon Phase	
New Nov 4	First Nov 11
Full Nov 19	Last Nov 27

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	5:45 a.m.	11:43 a.m.	62°
	6:00 p.m.	p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	6:56 a.m.	12:26 a.m.	62°
	7:11 p.m.	12:36 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	9:39 a.m.	4:12 a.m.	
Madison	9:54 p.m.	4:22 p.m.	
	6:54 a.m.	12:35 a.m.	63°
New Haven	7:10 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	
	7:30 p.m.	1:19 p.m.	
Stamford	7:18 a.m.	1:13 a.m.	64°
	7:34 p.m.	1:33 p.m.	
River Stage at Hartford:	6.42 feet at 6:30 p.m.		
Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Wind	NE/SE, 10-25	NE/SE, 10-25	E, 10-25
Seas	2-5 ft.	3-7 ft.	5-8 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Friday	54 at 2:44 p.m.	34 at 4:38 a.m.
Normal for date	59	38
Record for date	77 in 1918	20 in 1940
A year ago	49	42
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Oct 29	263	448	372



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.02 at 10 a.m.	29.91 at 7 p.m.
Dew point	42° at 12 p.m.	34° at 2 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	
Bangor	52 47 C
Burlington	54 48 SH
Caribou	52 41 C
Concord	54 50 R
Montpelier	50 45 SH
Mt. Wash.	41 34 SH
Portland	53 49 SH
Woods Hole	61 56 R
NATION	
Albany	57 49 SH
Albuquerque	75 45 S
Atlantic City	66 51 SH
Baltimore	63 51 C
Bismarck	49 24 PC
Boise	64 43 PC
Buffalo	55 48 SH
Charleston	69 51 PC
Cincinnati	58 47 SH
Cleveland	57 48 SH
Indianapolis	56 45 SH
Jacksonville	71 49 PC
Las Vegas	84 62 PC
Miami Beach	82 69 PC
Milwaukee	58 43 PC
Nashville	57 46 SH
New Orleans	71 54 SH
New York	64 54 SH
Oklahoma City	73 44 S
Omaha	64 37 S
Orlando	76 55 PC
Pittsburgh	57 45 SH
Raleigh	64 51 C
St. Louis	59 45 C
Salt Lake City	68 47 PC
San Antonio	83 54 S
San Diego	70 61 PC
San Juan	88 76 PC
Tucson	87 56 S

WORLD	
Amsterdam	59 48 R
Athens	66 54 C
Bangkok	88 79 T
Barbados	86 73 S
Helsinki	51 41 SH
Edinburgh	50 48 PC
Hong Kong	79 72 SH
Istanbul	63 54 PC
Jerusalem	75 61 PC
Kansas City	64 42/S
Dallas	76 50/S
Houston	77 48/S
Budapest	62 38 S
Buenos Aires	90 66 C
Cairo	85 69 PC
Cancun	85 65 PC
Dubai	95 77 S
Dublin	52 43 PC
Paris	59 50 SH
Rio de Janeiro	73 64 R
Rome	68 52 R
Seoul	66 50 C
Singapore	91 75 T
Stockholm	52 42 PC
Sydney	68 54 PC
Tel Aviv	80 63 PC
Tokyo	68 52 S
Toronto	55 46 R
Vancouver	52 36 S
Warsaw	61 43 S

THURSDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

FOOTBALL	
CCC Tier 3	BRISTOL CENTRAL 44, E.O. SMITH 8
Others	GUILFORD 43, BROOKFIELD 6
BOYS SOCCER	
CCC-East	TOLLAND 4, SOUTH WINDSOR 1
Goals:	T—Kaden Ali (2), Keegan Hodgkinson, Vince Cassarino; SW—Drew Monteserin. Saves: T—Cullen Rublewski, 3; SW—Kyle Sullivan, 5. Rec.: T—4-6-5; SW—5-6-3.
EAST CATHOLIC 0, RHAM 0	
Saves:	EC—Sam Famiglietti, Mason Cormier and AJ Bushnell, 5; R—Erik Buden, 7. Rec.: EC—6-5-4; R—7-3-4.
CCC-West	HALL 3, GLASTONBURY 1
Goals:	H—Lucas Almeida (2), Sam Sandler; G—Mike Sardo. Saves: H—Tyler Fairchild, 6; G—Josh Paterno, 7. Rec.: H—11-0-3; G—8-5-2.
CCC-Inter	NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 3, ROCKY HILL 3
Goals:	NWC—Cian Houston, Matthew Maguire, William Sullivan; RH—Massimo Ciani, David Czubart, Jason Moleiro. Saves: NWC—Aidan Mahoney, 8; RH—Jaimin Shah, 13. Rec.: NWC—3-9-1; RH—7-3-4.
PLAINVILLE 4, NEWINGTON 2	
Goals:	P—Trevor Rau (3), Chase Gray; N—Manassah Dalomba, Jason Welch. Saves: P—Josh Elliott, 3; N—Gavin Williams and Dakota Hawes, 1. Rec.: P—8-6-1; N—8-3-2.
BRISTOL EASTERN 2, WETHERSFIELD 0	
Goals:	BE—Dom Femiak (2). Saves: BE—Dylan Piazza, 9; W—Ricky Torres, 5. Rec.: BE—4-10-1; W—10-2-3.
CRAL	INNOVATION 1, UNIVERSITY/PRINCE TECH 1
Goals:	I—Yosef Alsafari; UPT—Paramvir Rakwal. Saves: I—Arnex Falcon, 6; UPT—Cullen Dalton, 6. Rec.: I—7-5-2; UPT—7-5-3.
Others	EAST HAMPTON 2, CANTON 0
Goals:	EH—Paul Pignatelli, Ethan Marshall. Saves: EH—Drew DiStefano, 5; C—Jack Biskupiak, 6. Rec.: EH—8-5-2; C—10-4.

GIRLS SOCCER

CCC-Inter	AVON 3, ENFIELD 1
Goals:	A—Isabel Lasota, Sofia Agudelo, Kate Loparco; E—Marisa Silva. Saves: A—Tanvi Raman, 8; E—Mia Daly, 11. Rec.: A—7-5-2; E—7-7.
TOLLAND 1, FARMINGTON 1	
Goals:	T—Grace Kavanagh; F—Carly Passaro. Saves: T—Sophia Rotondaro, 7; F—Margaret Huelin, 4. Rec.: T—7-1-5; F—6-4-5.

FIELD HOCKEY

CCC	HALL 8, WINDSOR 0
Goals:	H—Emma Keller (2), Ellie Goldstein (2), Bridget McGann, Caitlin Striff-Cave, Grace Rochelleau, Carmen True. Saves: H—Addison O'Connell, 5; W—Isabella Rynaski, 7. Rec.: H—13-0-1; W—0-14-1.
WETHERSFIELD 6, SOUTH WINDSOR 0	
Goals:	W—Logan Lisella (3), Molly Bowers, Sadie Ruiz, Maddie Gove. Saves: W—Julia Peacock and Veronica McKenna, 5; SW—Paige Lambert, 12. Rec.: W—14-1; SW—5-8.
CONARD 5, SIMSBURY 0	
Goals:	C—Zoe Wojciechowski (3), Lily Kluskiewicz, Shelby Deep. Saves: C—Lilly Grose, 2; S—Kaitlyn O'Brien, 5. Rec.: C—10-4-1; S—10-4.
Others	CANTON 3, WESTBROOK/OLD LYME 0
Goals:	C—Gabby DeSanto (2), Mary DeRitis. Saves: C—Tommie Barker, 0; WOL—Abby Demers, 18. Rec.: C—9-5; WOL—4-12.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Others	AEROSPACE 3, CANTON 0 (25-10, 25-18, 27-25)
A:	Hazel Patel, 13aces, 4digs, 3assists, Abby Steniger, 8aces, 4kills, 4assists; C: Sophia Mates, 4kills, 4blocks, Jazmin Franklin, 4kills, 1ace. Rec.: A—17-3; C—4-13.
HALL 3, SMSA 0 (25-13, 25-21, 25-21)	
H:	Marie Moemeka, 10kills, Hannah O'Brien, 6digs, 2aces; S: Dzenita Hamzabegovic, 8kills. Rec.: H—9-10; S—9-11.
INNOVATION 3, CHENEY TECH 0 (25-13, 25-12, 25-18)	
I:	Clara Cardona, 10assists, 2digs, Tyne Rose, 7kills, 1block. Rec.: I—11-8; CT—1-15.
EAST LYME 3, COVENTRY 0 (25-14, 25-4, 25-13)	
C:	Remy Casida, 4kills. Rec.: EL—15-2; C—13-6.

GIRLS SWIMMING

CCC-West	HALL 98, CONARD 83
Note:	Molly Nordquist (200free/100fly) and Jacqui Fox (50free/100back) were double winners for Hall. Alison Colburn set a Conard 6-dive school record with a 257.05.
CCC-Inter	MALONEY/PLATT 96, ROCKY HILL 82
Others	WETHERSFIELD 96, EAST LYME 87
Note:	Olivia Krout (200/500free) and Alanna DePinto (50/100free) were double winners for Wethersfield.

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

FOOTBALL

CCC Tier 1	HALL 35, GLASTONBURY 14
MALONEY 42, NEW BRITAIN 6	
SIMSBURY 28, CONARD 14	

CCC Tier 2	MIDDLETOWN 37, MANCHESTER 34 (OT)
NEWINGTON 43, BERLIN 33	

CCC Tier 3	BLOOMFIELD 48, FARMINGTON 7
SOUTH WINDSOR 23, BRISTOL EASTERN 22	
CCC Tier 4	AVON 35, HARTFORD PUBLIC 0

Pequot Inter	CROMWELL/PORTLAND 45, GRANBY/CANTON 6
ROCKVILLE 42, COGINCHAUG/HALE-RAY/EAST HAMPTON 6	
COVENTRY/WINDHAM TECH/BOLTON/LYMAN MEMORIAL 42, CREC CO-OP 20	

CTC	CHENEY TECH 26, THAMES RIVER 20 (OT)
NORTHWEST UNITED 38, QUINEBAUG VALLEY 14	

CCC Tier 2	HAMDEN 14, WILBUR CROSS 0
WEST HAVEN 27, NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 20	

CCC Inter	FAIRFIELD PREP 48, HARDING 0
ECC Div. II	WINDHAM 23, LEDYARD 13
WATERFORD 55, STONINGTON 54 (OT)	
ECC Div. III	PLAINFIELD 30, MONTVILLE 12
KILLINGLY 39, GRISWOLD/WHEELER 0	
ECC Inter	EAST LYME 21, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 15
NVL Inter	ANSONIA 35, TORRINGTON 15
WOODLAND 44, WOLCOTT 7	

FCIAC East	STAPLES 20, NORWALK 13
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FCIAC Inter	TRUMBULL 42, FAIRFIELD WARDE 6
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Others	HAND 56, BUNNELL 13
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CHESHIRE 32, NFA 0	
WESTON 34, FORAN 20	
NORTH HAVEN 40, POMPERAUG 7	

BOYS SOCCER

CCC-Inter	MIDDLETOWN 8, HARTFORD PUBLIC 0
Goals:	M—Marshall Butler (3), Dario Rigano (3), Seshank Sekar, Angelo Santostefano. Saves: M—Tyler Hahn, 0; HP—Alex Alvarez, 5. Rec.: M—11-1-3; HP—0-1-3.
FARMINGTON 3, EAST HARTFORD 1	
Goals:	G—Matt Cence (2), Daniel Jia; EH—Pedro Luis. Saves: F—Patrick Pietraszewski, 5; EH—Carlos Hinostrza, 9. Rec.: F—10-3-1; EH—2-11-3.
NEW BRITAIN 2, LEWIS MILLS 1	
Goals:	NB—Giovanni Pearl (2); LM—Charlie Joiner. Saves: NB—Maximilian Szczepanik, 7; LM—Ryan Mayes, 4. Rec.: NB—5-7; LM—7-4-4.
CONARD 4, BRISTOL CENTRAL 2	
E.O. SMITH 0, SIMSBURY 0	
SOUTHINGTON 2, ENFIELD 0	
NCCC	EAST GRANBY 2, WINDSOR LOCKS 2
Goals:	EG—James Fagnant, Vincent Auger; WL—Justin Pequita, Phil DePoutot. Saves: EG—Dilan Brunelle, 7; WL—Caden Mackey and Ryan Martineau, 8. Rec.: EG—5-7-3; WL—2-10-1.
GRANBY 5, SMSA/BULKLEY 2	
EAST WINDSOR 1, STAFFORD 0	
CRAL	INNOVATION 3, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 1
Goals:	I—Waseem Alsafari, Yosef Alsafari, Malachi Morales; CL—Muhammad Hussein. Saves: I—Giancarlo Psadas and Arnez Falcon, 9; C—Alex Lajoie, 7. Rec.: I—8-5-3; CL—0-14.
Others	CLASSICAL 4, AMISTAD 3

GIRLS SOCCER

CCC-South	BERLIN 1, BRISTOL CENTRAL 0
CCC-Inter	AVON 5, BLOOMFIELD 0
Goals:	A—Anna Loveless, Leah Nevins, Kate Loparco, Jordan DuBois, Olivia Listro. Saves: A—Tanvi Raman and Zoey Hatinen, 0; B—Marcelle James, 23. Rec.: A—8-5-2; B—2-1-3.
ROCKY HILL 1, ENFIELD 0	
Goal:	RH—Gabby LaFave. Saves: RH—Emme Pacheco-Hager, 5; E—Mia Daly, 3. Rec.: RH—7-6-2; E—7-8.
HALL 1, E.O. SMITH 1	
Goals:	H—Talia Soltman; EOS—Claire Greene. Rec.: H—6-3-5; EOS—10-1-4.
EAST CATHOLIC 2, WINDSOR 1	
NEWINGTON 3, RHAM 1	
MALONEY 3, CONARD 1	
MIDDLETOWN 2, NEW BRITAIN 0	
WETHERSFIELD 3, SIMSBURY 3	
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 4, BRISTOL EASTERN 1	

NCCC	STAFFORD 4, EAST WINDSOR/SMSA/BULKLEY 1
Goals:	S—Jordan Huntley, Abby Kearns, Kacie Consolini, Samantha Simlick; EW—Samantha Corrado. Saves: EW—Katie Blume, 25. Rec.: S—3-8-4; EW—4-12.
GRANBY 1, SUFFIELD 0	
Goal:	G—Addyson Earl. Saves: G—Kayla Davis, 3; S—Ella Kollmorgan, 14. Rec.: G—11-4; S—12-3.
SOMERS 0, COVENTRY 0	

Shoreline	PORTLAND 2, COGINCHAUG 1 (OT)
CRAL	CAPITAL PREP 0, CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 0
Saves:	CP—Nyah Howard, 5; CLA—Madelyn Szatkowski. Saves: B—Madison Peacock, 2; WT—Delaney Flynn, 7. Rec.: B—5-8-1; WT—13-3.
HMTCA 6, CLASSICAL 1	

FIELD HOCKEY

CCC	AVON 5, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 0
Goals:	A—Kendall Neamtz (2), Missy Blaha, Lindsey Arigoni, Olivia Brown. Saves: A—Katrina Frez, 0; NWC—Lauren Armstrong, 5. Rec.: A—8-4-2-1; NWC—4-8-1-1.
GLASTONBURY 4, SOUTHTON 0	
Goals:	G—Alicia Coquette (2), Christina Guanci (2). Saves: G—Alex Edwards, 0; S—Morgan Lasek, 10. Rec.: G—11-2-2; S—6-7-1.
ENFIELD 2, FARMINGTON 0	
LEWIS MILLS 2, E.O. SMITH 0	
NEWINGTON 3, EAST CATHOLIC 2 (OT)	
NCCC	CANTON 1, STAFFORD 0

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-West	FARMINGTON 3, AVON 2
CCC-Inter	BRISTOL EASTERN 3, NEW BRITAIN 0 (25-18, 25-22, 25-20)
BE:	Hannah Webber, 22kills, 3blocks, Alex Shorette, 3kills, 2aces, Abby Jones, 31assists, 5digs, 1ace. Rec.: BE—14-5; NB—9-9.
NCCC	GRANBY 3, CANTON 0
CTC	WILCOX TECH 3, CHENEY TECH 1
Others	VALLEY REGIONAL 3, INNOVATION 0 (25-13, 25-7, 25-20)
VR:	Salmi Miller, 8kills, 5digs, Ella Pitman, 7digs, 6aces, 5kills; I: Clara Cardona, 8digs, 4assists, Patrice Broughton, 5digs, 3kills. Rec.: VR—11-8; I—11-9.
BOLTON 3, WINDHAM 0 (25-21, 25-9, 25-18)	
B:	Jaylain Falcon, 5kills, 4aces, Brianna Connolly, 17assists, 6digs; W: Angie Martinez, 5kills, 1ace, Judy Gomez, 7assists, 2aces. Rec.: B—13-7; W—12-8.
HARTFORD PUBLIC 3, WEAVER 0	
HMTCA 3, CLASSICAL 2	

GIRLS SWIMMING

Others	WINDSOR 84, SUFFIELD 66
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SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

CCC Tier 3	Plainville at RHAM, 1p.m.
Pequot Uncas:	Ellington at Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic, 10:30a.m.
CTC:	Bullard-Havens/Kolbe Academy at Prince Tech, noon; O'Brien Tech at Abbott Tech/Immaculate, 2p.m.
ECC Inter:	New London at Bacon Academy, 2:15p.m.
NVL Inter:	WCA at Seymour, noon
FCIAC East:	Ridgefield at Wilton, 2p.m.
FCIAC Inter:	Fairfield Ludlowe at Stamford, noon; New Canaan at Greenwich, 1p.m.; Darien at St. Joseph, 2p.m.
Others:	Barlow at East Catholic, noon; Capital Prep/Achievement First at Capital Prep Harbor, 2p.m.; Lyman Hall at Notre Dame-Fairfield, 3:30p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

CCC-Inter:	Newington at Avon, 10a.m.
ECC:	Bacon Academy at NFA, 4p.m.
Others:	Granby at Old Lyme, 1p.m.

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What do Marvel characters eat?

Pop culture cookbooks have answers — and rapt audiences

By Priya Krishna
The New York Times

Chelsea Monroe-Cassel is currently developing a recipe for a dish whose traditional version she'll never be able to taste, and whose place of origin she'll never be able to visit: Plomeek soup, a staple on the fictional planet Vulcan. In writing "The Star Trek Cookbook," out next March, she has spent hours watching old episodes and movies from her home in West Windsor, Vermont, trying to deduce what might be in the reddish soup.

"We know shockingly little about Vulcan cuisine, given how much of a fan favorite Spock is," she said. Some people believe that Vulcans are vegetarian, as their strong morals and fear of their own capacity for violence would mean they avoid food that requires slaughtering. But do those arguments hold up, she wondered, in a universe where meat can be replicated with machines?

The result: "A cold gazpacho with tomato and strawberry and a little bit of balsamic."

Monroe-Cassel, 36, has dedicated her career to bringing to life the food of her favorite television shows, movies and games. She has written "A Feast of Ice and Fire: The Official Game of Thrones Companion Cookbook," "The Elder Scrolls: The Official Cookbook," "Firefly: The Big Damn Cookbook" and "World of Warcraft: The Official Cookbook." Together they have sold more than 250,000 copies. She is not a trained chef, but she is hugely enthusiastic about pop culture food. For fans like her, "it is a big way, a new and tangible way, of connecting with a world that they love," she said.

"Video games are a form of escapism and books are a form of escapism," she added, "and I think this is a form of escapism that appeals to extra senses."

This genre has existed since at least the 1970s, with titles like "The Dark Shadows Cookbook," "The Partridge Family Cookbook" and "The Little House Cookbook" from "Little House on the Prairie." Of late, these books have grown significantly in popularity and scale. They've found a mainstream audience and contain recipes that many people actually want to cook.

As streaming platforms have made media both more accessible and social, fans have turned their fascination into full-on lifestyles. Monroe-Cassel, for one, was just an enthusiast of the "A Song of Ice and Fire" series with a blog called The Inn at the Crossroads before she started writing these



A Black Panther comic, notes and various cooking materials at Banda's home in Amherst, Massachusetts. Her recipes — like chambo, a traditional fish dish from Malawi — speak directly to Wakanda's varying locations in Africa throughout the run of the Black Panther comics.

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cookbooks. Others visit the "Star Wars" theme park, pose on the Central Perk couch from "Friends" and cosplay as Moira Rose from "Schitt's Creek."

"My generation, to know what people are interested in, you went through their record collection or their library," said Charles Miers, 62, the publisher of Rizzoli New York. "Now you ask them what TV show they are watching."

While early pop culture cookbooks were more like novelties, titles like the 2002 "Sopranos Family Cookbook," which sold more than 142,000 copies, and 2010's "The Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook," with more than 1 million books sold, showed this could be a genre in its own right. Major publishers like Penguin Random House

have dedicated teams for pop culture books, which can be officially licensed from the franchise or unofficial. The cookbooks span subject matter both expected ("Bob's Burgers," "Ratatouille") and eyebrow-raising ("The Walking Dead," "Hannibal").

As fan cultures have deepened, these cookbooks have evolved too. Less prevalent are the ones that simply name recipes after characters. Today's pop culture cookbooks are heavily researched tomes about their fictional worlds. They consider climates and character motivations. They fill in gaps in the narrative. Authors pore over every element — down to the props in recipe photos — so fans can feel fully immersed.

When chef and writer Nyanyika Banda started working on the upcoming "The



Chef and food writer Nyanyika Banda is tapping the Black Panther comics as inspiration for a cookbook that explores food from across the African continent.

Official Wakanda Cookbook" based on Marvel's Black Panther comics, she knew Marvel's rabid fan base would expect a high level of detail.

"If we had written this book 15 years ago, you probably could have gotten away with including a lot of things from the entire continent of Africa without giving explanation to why they existed," said Banda, 39. "There is this need for people coming up with these recipes to know what they are talking about" in terms of both the comics and African foodways.

Banda considered the role that colonialism played in adding a Western influence to certain African dishes, and how to explain that influence when they included those foods in the book — since Wakanda is supposed to be isolated from the rest of the world. (Banda found a solution in referencing more recent comics about Wakanda opening itself up to outsiders.)

This approach is a far cry from the early books in the genre, which place little emphasis on compelling recipes and complex storytelling.

Author Dinah Bucholz's proposal for "The Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook" was fished out of a slush pile at Adams Media and sold so well that it inspired a larger investment into these sorts of titles, said Brendan O'Neill, the editor-in-chief of Adams.

He said the company chooses pop culture properties for cookbooks based on depth, not breadth, of the fandom.

"People may love a series like 'Survivor,'" he said, "but there is a bit of a disconnect between that and a cultural phenomenon and fan engagement you see on 'Harry Potter' and 'The Simpsons' where this universe exists."

Bucholz said that fantasy series like "Harry Potter" and "Game of Thrones" lend themselves well to cookbooks because the food descriptions tend to be fairly detailed. "The authors clearly enjoyed writing about food," she said. "They wrote about it with so much relish. It is such a major part of the characters' lives."

O'Neill said the demographic for these books tends to be amateur cooks in their 20s to 40s. But it's unclear what percentage of them are actually cooking anything.

"I think a lot of people buy the books because they are just fans and collectors," said Jennifer Sims, 47, a senior editor at Insight Editions. "Then you have the other half who like cooking and just will make one weekly meal from this particular book, or they will throw a viewing party."



Treat Halloween guests to a bowl of ghoulish goulash or a pasta dish that is reminiscent of the classic Hungarian stew. KRISTEN MENDIOLA/THE DAILY MEAL PHOTOS; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

An adult Halloween feast

A bowl of ghoulish goulash or pasta casserole is perfect for supper with friends



JeanMarie Brownson
Dinner at Home

Halloween may be the holiday known for candy, but it also ranks as one of my favorite holidays to invite folks over for a casual supper. Something hot and spicy ladled from a big cauldron on the stove is just too fitting, especially when accompanied by something carby, like a handheld chunk of cornbread or focaccia.

Goulash, a classic stew, richly flavored with beef and paprika, is a pillar of Hungarian cooking and integral to my family’s food culture. My grandparents on both sides served it regularly as family fare, using beef or chicken as budgets allowed. Potatoes stretch the dish and balance the meatiness while buttered egg noodles soak up the rich gravy-like sauce. Many middle European restaurants serve goulash as a side in small bowls or as a main with spaetzle and pumpernickel.

Fresh paprika, intensely flavored and deeply red, is essential. I start with a new container every fall. Fresh paprika is sweet and rich, unlike the pale orange powder in bottles on many home spice racks. Look for the red can of Hungarian sweet paprika from Pride of Szeged for reliably delicious paprika.

This fall, I’m employing a chef-style trick that my grandmothers never even considered: browning the beef over the direct heat of a smoky grill. This is less messy than browning batches of meat in hot fat, which tends to splatter. Sure, it’s a bit of trouble to heat the grill, but you can brown the beef in advance after grilling something else and refrigerate it for up to two days. Be sure to cool the meat so you can handle it to cut it into pieces; refrigerated meat is easier to cut than warm.

For a ghoulish version, cut red bell peppers into “fingers” and stir in black-eyed peas at the end of the simmering. Place cooked orecchiette or egg noodles into serving bowls before ladling the goulash on top. Purchase thick tomato-topped focaccia or crusty ciabatta to mop up all the goodness in the ghoulish goulash bowl.

For a meatless main that is reminiscent of a bowl of goulash, make a red pepper and tomato pasta sauce spiked with dried mushrooms and beer to replace the umami flavor from the meat. Stir cooked pasta into the sauce and bake before serving with or without a melty cheesy top.

Dessert should be cool and refreshing after the sweet heartiness of paprika. Using leftover Halloween candy, stir chopped candy bars into softened vanilla or chocolate ice cream. Or you can try scoops of lemon sorbet sprinkled with crumbled butter cookies, sweet paprika and coarse salt.

Smoky beef goulash with black-eyed peas and red peppers

***Note:** You can omit the browning of the meat on the grill and instead brown the meat on a broiler pan six inches from the heat source. Alternatively, heat some bacon fat or oil in the bottom of a Dutch oven and brown the meat cubes in batches in the hot fat. If you wish, you can use a slow cooker at Step 5, but reduce the broth used to 1 ½ cups. Set the cooker on low for 6-8 hours.*

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 3 hours
Makes: 8 to 10 servings
3 ½ pounds boneless beef chuck roast
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 red bell peppers (12 ounces), cored
4 tablespoons bacon fat or vegetable oil
2 medium (12 ounces total) sweet onions, halved, sliced
3 large cloves garlic, minced
¼ cup sweet Hungarian paprika
1 ½ teaspoons sweet or hot smoked paprika
¼ teaspoon cayenne, optional
2 ½ cups low-sodium beef broth
½ cup pilsner-style beer
2 tablespoons tomato paste
8 ounces frozen or two drained 15-ounce cans black-eyed peas
Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish
Cooked orecchiette or egg noodles, for serving

1. If desired, cut roast in half or thirds for easier handling. Mix 1 teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon pepper in a small dish. Sprinkle beef pieces on all sides with salt mixture



and place in a covered baking dish or bowl. Refrigerate 1 hour or up to 1 day.

2. Prepare a charcoal grill until coals are covered with gray ash or heat a gas grill to medium-hot, about 400 degrees. Place beef on grill. Cover and cook until deeply browned, about 10 minutes. Flip meat to brown the other side, 5-10 more minutes. Let cool on a cutting board until you can handle it. Cut into 1 ½-inch pieces. (For alternative cooking methods, see note.)

3. Cut 2 cored red bell peppers into ¼-inch-wide strips about 2 inches long. Heat a heavy 6-quart saucepan or Dutch oven over

medium-low heat until a drop of water sizzles on contact. Add 3 tablespoons of the bacon fat or oil and onions. Cook, stirring, until onions are lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Add red pepper pieces and sauté 5 minutes. Stir in 3 cloves of minced garlic and cook for 1 minute. Remove with a slotted spoon to a bowl.

4. Add another 1 tablespoon of fat to the Dutch oven. Add beef cubes and any accumulated juices to the pot. Cook and stir for about 5 minutes.

5. Sprinkle ¼ cup sweet Hungarian paprika and 1 ½ teaspoons sweet or hot smoked paprika and ¼

teaspoon cayenne over beef. Add onion mixture, 2 ½ cups broth, ½ cup beer, 2 tablespoons tomato paste and 1 teaspoon salt. Heat to a simmer. Reduce heat to very low. Cover pan tightly and simmer over very low heat until beef is fork-tender, 2 to 2 ½ hours. Refrigerate covered up to 3 days.

6. Reheat mixture if necessary. Add 8 ounces frozen or two drained 15-ounce cans black-eyed peas. Simmer uncovered, stirring often to reduce pan juices slightly, about 30 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings.

7. Sprinkle with parsley. Serve with noodles.

Paprika and red pepper pasta casserole

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 1 ¼ hours
Makes: 8 servings
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 medium (8 ounces) onion, chopped
1 small bulb fresh fennel (8 ounces), thinly sliced, then chopped
2 red bell peppers (total 12 ounces), cored, seeded, chopped
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
¼ cup (1 ounce) sweet Hungarian paprika
1 ½ teaspoons sweet or hot smoked paprika
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper, optional
1 can (14-15 ounces) crushed tomatoes
1 can (14-15 ounces) fire-roasted diced tomatoes
½ cup pilsner-style beer
¼ ounce dried mushrooms, such as sliced porcini, about ¼ cup loosely packed
2 cups water
Salt
1 box (16 ounces) rigatoni pasta
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
½ cup panko breadcrumbs
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded mozzarella

1. Heat a large saucepan over medium heat until hot. Add 3 tablespoons oil, 1 medium chopped onion and 1 small bulb of sliced



fennel. Saute until onion is tender, about 10 minutes.

2. Stir in 2 chopped bell peppers and saute 5 minutes. Stir in 3 cloves of finely chopped garlic and cook for 1 minute.

3. Stir in ¼ cup sweet Hungarian paprika and 1 ½ teaspoons sweet or hot smoked paprika, ¼ teaspoon cayenne, then tomatoes with their juices, ½ cup beer, ¼ ounce dried mushrooms, 2 cups water

and 1 teaspoon salt. Simmer uncovered, stirring often, 20-30 minutes. Season to taste with salt. Sauce can be made up to 2 days in advance and refrigerated. Use warm.

4. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Oil a 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Heat a large kettle of salted water to a boil. Cook 16 ounces rigatoni until al dente, about 10 minutes. Drain pasta.

5. Put warm pasta into the prepared dish. Top with the warm sauce and half of the 2 tablespoons parsley. Stir to distribute sauce evenly. Bake until piping hot, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, mix ½ cup breadcrumbs and 2 more tablespoons parsley. Sprinkle crumb mixture and 2 cups cheese over the pasta and bake until golden, about 10 minutes.

Selling good, cheap wines without pandering

Entrepreneur offers clear, simple labels for novices

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

For young people on tight budgets who want to learn more about wine, the points of entry can be discouraging.

Plenty of cheap wine is out there. But much of it is not very good.

Supermarket aisles are stocked with inexpensive, cunningly branded wines, packaged not to educate consumers about what’s inside the container but to appeal to one’s predilections, whether cute animals, titillation, desserts or an air of gloomy mystery.

Other wines, like those labeled “clean” or “gluten-free,” capitalize on consumer ignorance by making exaggerated claims or drawing fallacious contrasts (yes, virtually all wines are gluten-free).

Then you have wines that are good, honest renditions of historical styles, made using traditional methods. Sadly, these are often hard to pick out of the crowd because they require consumers to have some knowledge of both producers and wine labeling.

The situation is even more difficult for those who want to understand bottles from Old World regions, which can often bury young, English-speaking consumers under an avalanche of indecipherable terminology.

Enter Mary Taylor, a wine entrepreneur, who has made it her business to fill this void. She offers a simple, elegant solution, one that does not pander, condescend or dumb down.

Instead, she has come up with a packaging approach for European appellation wines that is clear, consistent and unembellished, displaying the provenance and the producer on clean,



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white labels, with an easy-to-read font. All the wines in her white-label line are tied together by a subtle, subordinate “Mary Taylor” signature.

They are excellent values, priced at \$13 to \$19 and now available in 38 states, including New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Most important, the wines she has chosen are all good, forthright, unadorned representations of their terroirs.

It hardly seems like a revolutionary, or even novel, idea, to put together a similar combination of good wine, clear packaging and modest prices. And it raises the question of whether a brand can succeed simply by presenting the goods, without flummery.

To put it another way, for years the wine industry has rationalized inexpensive, bad wines as “gateway bottles,” steppingstones for consumers who eventually will graduate to the good

stuff. It doesn’t matter what they drink, the thinking goes, so long as they are paying for wine.

But what if curious young people were offered legitimate gateway bottles, gently priced introductions that gave an appealing taste of the wider world beyond?

Taylor’s Bordeaux Rouge 2018 is a good example. Bordeaux is better known in its luxury guise, expensive bottles from prestigious areas like St.-Julien and Pomerol, aged for years and sipped reverently by connoisseurs. But Bordeaux is a huge region with myriad small producers making good (and bad) wines at every price.

This bottle, with the simple Bordeaux appellation, made by Jean Marc Barthez, head of a small cooperative in the greater Bordeaux area, is precisely the sort of wine you imagine the locals drinking, at least, those without the big chateaus. It’s supple, dry, fresh, mildly tannic,

humble and direct, just a good, refreshing drink. I’ve seen it priced from \$12 to \$18.

Plenty of good, inexpensive Bordeaux is out there, but those bottles are hard to pick out from the dross. Taylor’s labeling system removes the mystery.

In a sense, she is capitalizing on one of the oldest tricks of wine-lovers, shopping by importer. No wine consumer, not even experts, can hope to know every producer. Instead, over time, they learn which importers’ tastes tend to align with their own.

One might object that Taylor is franchising wine, removing the mystery like franchise food options at interstate rest stops rather than independent mom-and-pops. If anything, the opposite is true. She is instead making available in her line good, small, independent producers who otherwise might never have cut through the noise.

“The uniformity is the packaging, not the wine or the appellation,” she said. “My hope is that this convention creates a safe space for people to explore the unknown.”

Taylor made a conscious decision not to put the names of grapes on the front label, preferring instead to emphasize the geography, as historic wine-drinking countries have for ages.

“If Americans treated cheese like we treat wine, we would have cow, sheep and goat, not the lexicon we know and enjoy,” she said. “I spent a lot of time thinking about how to get Americans to drink geographically. I looked at the top-selling wines in America and thought that the true European appellation wine was sorely missing.”

In 2019, Taylor made Mary Taylor Wine her full-time job. She offers 20 wines in her white-label line, 15 from France, two

from Portugal, two from Italy and one from Spain. In addition, she offers four bottles at a lower price, \$10 to \$12, that display regional identifications rather than the more specific appellations.

Taylor’s white-label wines include well-known appellations like Anjou, Beaujolais-Villages, Cahors, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine and Dão in Portugal.

But they also encompass obscure places that even French wine experts may rarely encounter, places like Buzet in southwestern France (a really nice red of 80% merlot and 20% cabernet sauvignon that is earthy and chewy) and Valençay, a Loire appellation better known for cheese than wine (the red — 35% gamay, 35% côt, as malbec is known there, and 30% pinot noir — is easygoing, with chalky flavors of red fruits).

All of the wines, she said, are from growers who farm conscientiously, even if they are not necessarily organic or biodynamic. They are made with minimal intervention, though they would not be called natural wines.

Practices that would not be tolerated by natural wine fans, like harvesting by machine rather than by hand, do not deter her.

“I don’t think a grad student on a budget would find this that important,” she said.

Many of the producers are women. Taylor feels that in small family operations, the man has always gotten most of the credit, despite the contributions of women. “When does she get recognized?” she asked.

How does she measure whether her vision is succeeding?

“A retailer in Georgia recently told my distributor that young adults were now asking for the Valençay by name,” she said. “He said, ‘Tell Mary her plan is working.’ ”

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Tasty tortizzas are a dinner life raft

By Eric Kim
The New York Times

When it first opened in 2018, the Manhattan bar and vodka distillery Our/ New York would serve makeshift tortilla pizzas that had been quickly burnished in a toaster oven behind the bar. The founder and partner, Dave Ortiz, got the idea from his friend, chef Ilan Hall. “Long story short: A celebrity chef hooked me up,” he said.

The medium-size flour tortillas — affectionately called “tortizzas” by the patrons — were draped in tomato sauce, ricotta cheese and red-pepper flakes. They were marvelous (and free of charge).

You’ll have to pay for your own tortillas, but when prepared at home, the tortizza can be a delicate slip of a weeknight dream — a life raft when time is of the essence. Although you can use corn tortillas for this dish, the moisture in flour tortillas will cause them to puff up in spots once baked in a hot oven, and those bites are the most fun to eat.

Crispy-edged and light, like lither thin-crust pizzas, tortizzas can be topped with whatever you like and nothing you don’t. These tortizzas include a layer of shredded mozzarella cheese that, when melted in the oven, creates a sturdy barrier for the toppings. A dusting of dried oregano somehow makes everything taste of pizza parlor incarnate. The topping, inspired by a Greek salad — and specifically, California Pizza Kitchen’s now-discontinued Greek pizza — is a medley of diced cucumbers and tomatoes and slivers of creamy avocado. Feta delivers sharpness and dreaminess, as does the simple garlicky yogurt sauce (a couple of ingredients shy of a tzatziki).

As with the best boy bands, Ben & Jerry’s ice



Tortizzas topped with crunchy vegetables and salty feta couldn’t be easier to make. DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES

cream flavors and group projects for school, the salad topping is much greater than the sum of all of its fresh ingredients. Enjoy the motley crew of tastes and textures.

Don’t skip the last part: honey. It might sound out of place here, but that golden sweetness, dribbled at the end over the vegetables, really brings together all of the disparate bits and bobs of this otherwise savory recipe. Anyway, honey is a popular accompaniment for Italian pizzas with soppressata and also happens to be a favored dipping sauce for pizza in South Korea.

These tortizzas eat flat like tostadas but are more yielding, like solo pizzas. But it’s your life: Feel free to fold them like tacos or gyro wraps. When it comes to the tortizza, all that matters is that it ends up in your mouth.

Perhaps the best part of this dish is that it takes about 15 minutes to make, from start to finish, which leaves plenty of time to get on with your day. One useful trick is to make the salad topping and yogurt sauce in advance, both of which will keep in an airtight container in the refrigerator for a day or two. That way, when you need a quick bite, all you have to do is warm up the tortillas and pile on the toppings.

Tortizzas

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 15 minutes
3 to 4 Persian or mini seedless cucumbers, scrubbed and cut into ½-inch dice (about 2 cups)
2 ripe medium tomatoes, cut into ½-inch dice (about 2 cups)
1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt (Diamond Crystal)
8 (6-inch) soft flour tortillas
2 cups shredded low-moisture mozzarella
2 teaspoons dried oregano, za’atar or Italian seasoning
1 cup plain yogurt
1 large garlic clove, finely grated
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons honey, plus more for drizzling
1 cup crumbled feta
1 ripe Hass avocado, halved and thinly sliced
½ cup packed fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves and tender stems
1. Place racks in upper and lower thirds of

oven and heat oven to 400 degrees. Line two large sheet pans with parchment paper.
2. Toss the cucumbers, tomatoes and ½ teaspoon salt in a colander set in the sink and toss to combine. Let sit to drain excess liquid, about 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, arrange the tortillas on the sheet pans, four per pan, and sprinkle each with the mozzarella and dried oregano. Bake until the cheese is melted and lightly browned, and the tortillas’ edges are crispy but still pale, 8 to 10 minutes.
4. While tortillas are baking, make yogurt sauce: In a small bowl or measuring cup, whisk together yogurt, garlic, lemon juice, honey and the remaining 1 teaspoon salt.
5. To serve, evenly divide the drained cucumbers and tomatoes among the tortillas. Top each with feta, avocado and parsley, and spoon the yogurt sauce over everything, leaving some back to serve on the side. As a final flourish, lightly drizzle the tortizzas with honey. You can eat these flat like mini pizzas or folded like tacos.

Sugar and spice make this pumpkin bread extra nice

America’s Test Kitchen

Quick breads should be moist but not soggy, so we often need to get rid of extra liquid in the batter. In some recipes, like zucchini bread, we squeeze all the excess water out of the shredded zucchini to avoid a soggy loaf.

We can’t squeeze our pumpkin puree (that would be messy), but cooking has the

same effect.

With heat, some of the water in the puree evaporates, helping keep the finished loaf moist but not soggy.

As a bonus, cooking the puree takes away the raw pumpkin taste and gives it some earthy caramel flavor.

Add a little cinnamon and nutmeg, and this bread smells (and tastes) like autumn, and is a great Halloween treat.



Chocolate chips turn this orange loaf into the perfect Halloween treat. SALLY STAUB/AMERICA’S TEST KITCHEN

Pumpkin bread with chocolate chips

Makes: 10 servings
Vegetable oil spray
1 ¼ cups (6 ¼ ounces) all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 large eggs
2 tablespoons (1 ounce) milk
¾ cup canned unsweetened pumpkin puree
¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon ground nutmeg
½ cup (3 ½ ounces) sugar
½ cup packed (3 ½ ounces) light brown sugar
½ cup vegetable oil
¾ cup (4 ½ ounces) chocolate chips
1. Adjust oven rack to the middle position and heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray inside bottom and sides of an 8 ½-by-4 ½-inch metal loaf pan with vegetable oil spray.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and baking soda. In a small bowl, whisk together eggs and milk.
3. In a large saucepan, combine pumpkin

puree, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly with a rubber spatula, until mixture just begins to bubble, 4 to 6 minutes.
4. Remove from heat. Add sugar, brown sugar and oil to pumpkin mixture and whisk until combined. Let mixture cool for 10 minutes. Whisk again until mixture is very smooth.
5. Add egg mixture to pumpkin mixture and whisk to combine. Add flour mixture and use a rubber spatula to stir until just combined and no dry flour is visible. Stir chocolate chips into batter. Do not overmix. Scrape batter into the greased loaf pan and smooth the top.
6. Place loaf pan in the oven. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of the pumpkin bread comes out clean, 50 minutes to 1 hour. Place the loaf pan on a cooling rack and let pumpkin bread cool in the pan for 15 minutes.
7. Remove pumpkin bread from pan. Let pumpkin bread cool on the cooling rack for at least 1 hour. Transfer to a cutting board, slice and serve.



Once you roast these bright orange morsels, you may never cook them any other way. DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON/TNS

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

It’s the perfect time of year for lightly sweet squash

By Diane Rossen Worthington
Tribune Content Agency

Roasting butternut squash brings out its inherent sweetness by lightly caramelizing it. I’ve served them as is with a drizzle of balsamic syrup or a sprinkling of fresh herbs atop; but in this recipe, I decided to mash them up with a few herbs to bring the flavors together. I like to use a potato masher for a coarse mashed texture. You can also use your hand blender or food processor where you will have a smoother

result.

Cumin and sage add a layer of flavor that enhances the squash. This is a colorful side dish that is complements most poultry and lamb. It is, of course, a happy add-on to any holiday table as well. You can now find peeled and cut-up squash at most markets.

If you can’t find them prepared, you can look for a ripe 3-pound butternut squash and carefully peel it with either a sharp knife or a serrated peeler. Scoop out the seeds and cut it into small pieces.

Roasted butternut squash mash

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
2 pounds butternut squash peeled and cut into 1 ½-inch pieces
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt
Black pepper
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh sage
½ teaspoon cumin
1. Preheat the oven to 425 F.
2. Spoon squash onto a baking sheet with a lip and add olive oil, salt and pepper tossing

to evenly coat. Spread the squash out into a single layer.
3. Roast for about 35 to 40 minutes, stirring twice, until lightly caramelized.
4. Remove baking sheet from oven and transfer the squash into a large bowl. With a potato masher, mash the squash until smooth. Add the sage and cumin and mix to combine. Taste for seasoning. Serve immediately.
Advance preparation: This dish may be prepared up to one day ahead through Step 4, covered and refrigerated. Reheat gently on medium heat. Adjust the seasonings, if needed.